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Dear Parents and Carers,

Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena – Thursday 23rd January 2025

With the Young Voices concert just around the corner, I wanted to share the final arrangements for the day:

What to wear?

In the morning, children need to wear school uniform. We will provide a Young Voices t-shirt for the children to change into for the concert. Please ensure your children have a thick coat, as it gets very cold on the way out of the O2 in the evening.

What to bring?

The children will need to bring a packed lunch with them to eat when we arrive at O2 Arena. Additionally, the children will need a packed tea to have for their evening meal. They will eat this just before the concert starts, to ensure they have plenty of energy! Please ensure you pack plenty of soft drinks as it can get hot at the arena; plus plenty of healthy snacks and an extra water for your child for the evening. This should be in a disposable bag and not in a lunch box. A backpack for the children to carry all of their things would be really useful.

What time will we leave and return?

A coach and a minibus will be picking the children up from Dunton Green at approximately 10:30am. It will leave and go on to St. Edmund's and then St. Paul's. From there, it will head directly to London's O2 Arena. The concert starts at **7:00pm** and is due to finish at **8:45pm**. The children will then get the coach back to their schools. Dismissal from the O2 Arena has historically taken a significant amount of time and, therefore, our return time has often changed. You will need to keep an eye on ClassDojo to ensure you have the most accurate time. In the past, we have returned anytime from 10:00pm to 11:00pm. Please note, we shall not be able to meet any parents at the O2.

The following morning

As we will be back very late in the evening, the children can have a lie-in! We ask that the children be in school no later than **11am on Friday 24th January**.

Please continue to encourage your children to learn the words for all the songs. I would like to thank all of the children and teachers for their hard work in preparation for the concert; I am sure they will have a fantastic evening!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Johnson
Head of School