

4 March 2020

## **Y5 Voice in a Million**

Dear Parents

The concert is drawing nearer - only 3 weeks to go! Tickets that were ordered through school are now available for collection at the school office. Children cannot collect tickets for parents due to the risk of losing them. Please come and collect them at your earliest convenience. Please also take a photo of your tickets or write down the seat numbers.

We have received news from VIAM that the concert is currently going ahead. Here is what they recently emailed:

*If there is a wider outbreak of COVID-19 within the UK or London in particular, it could be that we are advised to reschedule our event by the venue and government policy. We are following any advice given by the government and will act accordingly at the time.*

*In the event of the concerts not being able to go ahead, we will reschedule to a date as close as allowed by government guidelines. All bookings and tickets will not be affected and valid on the rescheduled dates.*

*In the meantime, the venue is carrying out with immediate effect a number of precautionary measures including;*

***At the moment they are taking advice from the NHS and Public Health England on any updates that affect public venues.***

***They have introduced a higher grade antibacterial hand soap within all their public washrooms including posters asking people to wash their hands after going to the toilet.***

***They are adding media to all main concourses screens. They are encouraging people to regularly wash their hands. The advice is that this is better than using sanitizers***

***They will allow guests to wear masks although they do not offer much protection but for peace of mind at the moment they are allowing them to be worn.***

***They are in contact with their medical supplier to update on their processes and how they will be dealing with anyone who might attend the medical room with symptoms but at the moment they are taking advice from the NHS and Public Health England on any updates that affect public venues.***

***The cleaning team has been instructed to deep clean touch points such as communal door handles and main public thoroughfares before show load and periodically throughout the events.***

*At the moment we and they are taking advice from the NHS and Public Health England on any updates that affect public venues and will keep all schools informed of any changes.*

If all goes ahead as planned, children will receive their t-shirts that you bought them on the day at the venue. They will change into them after dinner. This needs to be a packed meal containing no nuts, fizzy drinks, glass bottles or hot food. Children should bring a small rucksack or carrier bag that can go under their seat. We recommend a large bottle or two small bottles of water. Children will have a chance to refill this. As we will leave after lunch it is recommended that children have a hot school dinner that day too. If your child normally has a packed lunch but you would like them to have a hot meal that day please reply to this letter via parentmail.

For travelling to Wembley SSE arena it is recommended to drive, as the train route is much longer. The journey is approximately 40 minutes by car. There is plenty of parking available in the multi storey car parks on site which is very reasonably priced. At the end of the concert (9.50 pm) children will leave the arena first. **We estimate we will arrive back at school at 11.00 pm. Please ensure that if you are taking the train that someone will be able to collect your children at the roundabout between Grange Park and Highlands, where we will wait with the children.**

The following day if children are very tired, they may come to school at 9.30 am. They should come in through the Round Hall to register with Debbie Miller (administration). Siblings are expected to be at school at 8.45 am as normal.

The children are well rehearsed now, but if they are unsure about any of the songs, please refer to the last letter sent on how to listen online via the VIAM website.

To summarise, children need the following on the day:

- a packed meal (cold food, no nuts, fizzy drinks or glass bottles)
- a small bag to put it in (they will put their school jumper/t-shirt in when they change)
- a large bottle or two small bottles of water
- plenty of enthusiasm and a good hearty voice!

Yours sincerely

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**Music Coordinator**