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Dear Parents,

We are really excited to have signed up for Young Voices 2024! We had an amazing time last year and can't wait to take more of our Whitley children this year, along with our friends from the Acorns.

Young Voices is the world's largest children's choir and provides an amazing opportunity for our children to perform as part of a large group of primary schools. Our performance date is **Tuesday 6th February 2024** at the AO Arena, Manchester. On this date, we will travel to the concert venue and perform as a group of 9,000 children, with lots of other schools. We will send more information about the day closer to the time, but the children will come into school as normal on that Tuesday. We will leave school at about 11.30am and the children will need collecting from school at about 10/10:30pm, which is roughly when we will arrive back. This can differ depending on the number of coaches trying to get out of Manchester City Centre.

In the lead up to the event, Young Voices Choir after school club will run in the Autumn Term from the 19th September. All children who attend choir will be committing to attending the concert. This will incur some costs to cover transport and then additional costs for those wishing to purchase tickets for adults wishing to watch and t-shirts for the children.

Permission

If you wish for your child/ren to attend the Young Voices concert, please log onto your ParentPay account to give permission to attend and state if you are happy for your child to be photographed/filmed for any YV authorised promotional media.

Adult Tickets

If you would like to attend Young Voices to be a part of the audience and watch your child/children, tickets are available to buy through ParentPay costing £23 per adult. The deadline for the ticket order is **Wednesday 27th September** and we will not be able to process any ticket orders through school after this date. However, there may be some available directly from the venue leading up to the concert date.

T-shirts

Also attached is the order form for t-shirts for the children. Please complete the order form and pay via ParentPay if you would like to purchase one. This also has the deadline of Wednesday 27th September. T-shirts are optional and many, many children chose not to purchase one last time – this is no problem at all and there is no pressure for them to have one. Those who don't purchase one are just asked to wear a plain white t-shirt.

Transport

With coaches now costing up to £700 per trip for a 55 seater, we are asking for a donation of £10 per child to contribute towards the cost of the coach, again payable via Parent Pay. The deadline for this is 15th December 2023.

Please visit <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/> for more information about the event and to see some of the performances from previous years. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs N Downey