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*Dream, Believe, Achieve*

*'Nothing will be impossible with God' Luke 1:37*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**RE: Young Voices 2021 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is that time of year again when we invite our KS2 children to take part in Young Voices! If your child will be in Year 3, 4, 5, or 6 from September (current Year 2 – 5), you have the opportunity to join us in one of our favourite events of the year! This year is an extra special one as Young Voices are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **What is Young Voices?**

For those of you that have not been before, Young Voices is the UK's largest choir, where the children get to sing alongside 5,000 others at the FlyDSA Arena, Sheffield in front of a full arena audience of family and friends. Children taking part in Young Voices have the opportunity to perform in some of the world's greatest arenas alongside incredible artists. To achieve this with all their school friends around them for support, it helps their self-belief, self-motivation, confidence, and ability to communicate as part of a team - which is invaluable! Add to this the numerous health benefits of singing in rehearsals, including breathing exercises to focus the mind - it's no wonder that Young Voices is over-subscribed year after year!

### **The Details...**

With the current situation regarding Covid-19, Young Voices have created a 'plan A' and 'plan B' for the concert to enable them to follow the government guidelines and keep everyone safe.

- **Plan A:** If the government guidelines allow, children will perform as originally planned at FlyDSA Arena, Sheffield on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January** (children will need to be available on this date until we return to school at 10:00pm).

- **Plan B:** If we are unable to follow Plan A, the concert will be re-arranged for **May/June 2021** (dates to be confirmed). Alongside this, children will be invited to perform a few select songs from the music selection in a virtual concert at the end of January 2021, streamed live from school.

Please note that the safety of our children is our main priority and Young Voices will only go ahead if deemed safe to do so by the appropriate authorities.

### **How will rehearsals work?**

With social distancing and 'bubbles' in place when we return in September, we will not be able to rehearse as one big group like usual. Children will still rehearse the same songs at the same time, however they will do this separately within their own school 'bubble' until it is deemed safe for children to mix again. Rehearsals will take place during one lunch time per week beginning in September. Rehearsing this way will also mean that I will be relying on the children to also practise the songs and dance moves as much as possible at home using the online resources here:

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/music-room> (school's access code: **YV2021**).

### **What does it cost?**

We do not charge the children to attend Young Voices, registration and transport is fully funded by school. However, there are some optional costs to the event. It is recommended that children purchase a Young Voices T-Shirt pack (containing the official Young Voices t-shirt to be worn at the concert, a charity wristband and small YV torch light to be used on the night). These cost £12 each. If you choose not to purchase one of the t-shirts, children can wear a plain white t-shirt for the concert instead. Also, one of the best parts of the concert is having a huge group of friends and family in the audience supporting us. Audience tickets are £20 each. For this you are getting a full 2-hour arena concert with celebrity guest artists, dance acts and of course your children singing- you may even get up on your feet too! All audience tickets purchased through school will be seated together in the arena in one big Cuckney school group. I know that others who have attended before will tell you that this is a really great night for everyone!

### **What next?**

Although it seems a while away, we have to submit our final choir numbers within the first few weeks in September. Therefore we would like to make our list of places before we break up for the summer holidays. **If your child would like to attend Young Voices next year, please email Miss Worboys at [rworboys@cuckney.notts.sch.uk](mailto:rworboys@cuckney.notts.sch.uk) by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July to secure your place.** All requests for places by this date will be granted. A further confirmation will be sent out on the first week back in September to check that you still want your place and any spare places will be offered out. Once your place has been confirmed, you will receive a further letter with more details and information regarding ordering tickets and t-shirts.

For more information about Young Voices, visit their website: <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/> or if you have any questions, feel free to email me.

Kind regards,



Miss Rebecca Worboys