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Dear Parents,

**Re: Young Voices 2021**

Once again we are offering children from all year groups the opportunity to sing in the Young Voices choir. Due to Covid restrictions and uncertainties the concert date itself has been moved from February to June, however, a specific date has not yet been set.

The children who wish to participate will hopefully be involved in a Guinness World Record breaking virtual event, weekly virtual singing practise sessions with Miss Ramsay and Miss Luxton and many rehearsal sessions leading up to some form of 'performance'. We hope to also offer some distanced playground dance rehearsal type sessions later in the year. We are unsure of what this will look like but the Young Voices team are aiming to hold a usual style concert depending on restrictions at the time. Having accompanied Northmead the last few years, we can honestly say that it is enormous fun and certainly a great achievement to say that you have sung at the O2. However, it will require a lot of commitment and dedication in order to learn and practise the songs, with **weekly rehearsals on Google Meet Monday evenings at 4.20pm (starting 19<sup>th</sup> October)**, so the children need to be keen. Also, the concert day itself is a very long day, with us not returning to school until approximately 11.30pm on the day of the concert. This must be taken into consideration when you agree for your child to take part, especially if they are in the lower school.

**If your child would like to participate in this wonderful opportunity, then you need to email Miss Ramsay on [3R@northmead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:3R@northmead.surrey.sch.uk) with your child's full name and class by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October to be sent the link etc.** We are not limiting numbers at this time and would rather children join the club and enjoy learning to sing some of the fantastic songs and decide at a later stage if the actual concert is something they would like to participate in. At that point, places will be based on a first come first served system (only for children who have participated online) and we require commitment weekly from then on. If your child is successful in gaining a place, I will then send home further details including payment details for coaches etc. Please note, by allowing your child to participate in the concert, you are agreeing to your child being photographed and/or filmed by Young Voices during the event. We will take your email signing your child up to join Young Voices as permission for your child's photo/ video to be shared publically online and within school publications unless you express otherwise.

For your information (based on last year- confirmation pending):

- The children taking part in the concert will not need to pay for a ticket but we will be asking for a contribution towards the cost of the coach\* (it should be approximately £18).
- Optional tickets for parents, family and friends to come and watch the concert cost around £23 (there is no discount for children) and these need to be ordered through Northmead.
- As part of the event, the children are required to wear either a plain white t-shirt or the Young Voices t-shirt with their school uniform. The cost of the Young Voices t-shirt is roughly £12 for child sizes. **We are able to allow children to pre-order their t-shirt (delivery Feb time) if you return the form which you will receive with your Google Meet link.**

\*If you are a Pupil Premium recipient and would like to be considered for support with the coach cost, please make that clear in your initial email to Miss Ramsay.

Should you wish to find out more information about Young Voices, please visit their website at [www.youngvoices.co.uk](http://www.youngvoices.co.uk) and click on the parent's page or email us with any questions. A video with clips from last year and songs that will feature this year can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTyUIupHVYg>  
Many thanks and happy singing in your front room!

*Ramsay Luxton*

Miss Ramsay and Miss Luxton