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Dear Parents and children,

Thank you for joining Young Voices club! As you will probably know, Young Voices is a huge pop concert which takes place in the Resorts World Arena, Birmingham. It involves thousands of children, who all learn the same songs and get together to sing their hearts out at one amazing concert! We have attended this event for many years now, and it always proves to be an incredible experience for the children which they will remember for many years to come! If you would like to find out more about the event and specific arrangements for this year, you can do so at [www.youngvoices.co.uk](http://www.youngvoices.co.uk).

### **Covid Safety**

Obviously, the safety of the children is at the forefront of our minds at this time.

Within school, we will be ensuring that rehearsals follow all guidelines on singing in schools. Recent studies have suggested that singing at a normal volume does not increase transmission any more than speaking, although choirs are still being asked to be cautious when singing together. As a result, although our children will already be within their KS2 bubble, children will also be socially distanced within the hall. Because of this, we are having to limit the number of children taking part to 30.

In terms of the concert, it has already been postponed from its usual January date to either late May or June to ensure that the concert can go ahead safely. As we find out more about the date and the precautions that they will be taking to ensure the safety of everyone involved, we will keep you fully updated. Should the rescheduled concert have to be cancelled, Young Voices have contingency plans in terms of a 'Virtual Concert' that would allow us to take part from our own schools to ensure that the children's hard work in learning the songs would not go to waste!

All children will need to learn this year's exciting range of songs including Lion King, Muppets and Beatles Medleys and our school favourite- 'Power in Me!'. Although we will be learning these songs during the club throughout the year, children will also need to rehearse these at home. You can access the songs by searching 'Young Voices Music Room' (which will take you to the YV website) and entering the code 'YV2021'. There is also a Spotify playlist of this year's songs, called 'Young Voices UK Celebrating 25 Years'. Any children who have not got access to either of these will receive a CD to help them to learn the songs.

If you have any questions about Young Voices, please do get in contact via the school office.

Best wishes,

Miss Thomas

