



# Little Hill Primary School

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## Key Stage 2 Trip – Young Voices

Dear Parent/Carer

I have some very exciting news! This academic year, we are running a trip for Key Stage 2 children to Young Voices – the largest children’s choir concert in the world! In the past, this trip has been exclusively for children in our choir but this year, we are opening this up to all 240 children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6!

Young Voices is AMAZING! Children will perform to you, the parents and carers, in a HUGE concert with thousands of other children. Last year, we had the opportunity to sing (and be recorded) with Heather Small – [take a look at this video from last year](#). I can’t wait to find out who the guest appearances will be this year. Children will be learning the songs for the concert during our singing assemblies with me and Mrs Gavagan.

Children will come to school as normal and then during the day, we take them to the concert arena. Once there, we will eat our packed lunches and then have a rehearsal with the other schools and band. In the evening, parents and carers are invited to come and watch the concert (this is optional). After that, our coaches will return the children to school where you can collect them.

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
<b>Time</b>	Children come to school at the normal time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>11.30 a.m.</b> - we’ll depart school via coach</li><li>• <b>12:45 p.m.</b> - Venue opens to schools</li><li>• We’ll eat packed lunches</li><li>• <b>2.00 – 5.00 p.m.</b> - Rehearsal</li><li>• We’ll eat 2<sup>nd</sup> pack up</li><li>• <b>7.00 - 8:45 p.m.</b> - Concert for parents/carers</li><li>• <b>10.00 p.m.</b> - Return to school (subject to traffic and leaving the venue) – updates will be given via Class Dojo.</li></ul>
<b>Cost</b>	An estimated voluntary contribution of <b>£14.90</b> is requested to cover travel costs (£7.45 for Pupil Premium children). We require a deposit of £10 (£5 for Pupil Premium children) by Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September through MCAS. Once final numbers have been confirmed, you will be able to pay the balance.
<b>Packed Lunch Required?</b>	Children will need to take 2 packed lunches. They will eat the first packed lunch when we arrive and the second, after our rehearsal.  Children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding are entitled to Free School Meals. Please indicate if you would like us to provide free packed lunches. <b>If you do order these, you will still need to provide drinks (no fizzy drinks or glass bottles please).</b>
<b>Clothing</b>	Children must wear a plain white shirt, t-shirt or polo (this can either be a white school top or completely plain top) and dark bottoms (black or grey). Children can wear a jumper or cardigan but these must be removed for the actual concert.
<b>Pocket Money?</b>	No.
<b>Location</b>	Resorts World Arena, Birmingham (B40 1NT) (this is next to the NEC).



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Attendance on this trip is completely optional but having attended last year, I can say that it will be a fantastic experience. If your child does not go on the trip, then they will remain in school for their normal school hours.

If you would like your child to attend, then please fill out the reply slip attached and return it to school **by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** at the latest. We have to submit our final numbers to the venue by then to be allocated the correct number of tickets.

If you would like any audience tickets, then please fill out the 'Parent/Guardian Order Form' attached (provided by Resorts World Arena, Birmingham). Audience tickets cost £23.00 per person. Again, this is completely optional.

- Payments for audience tickets must be paid via cash or cheque **by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – NOT** through MCAS.

Whether you choose to watch the concert or not, the children will be returning to school with us on the coach. This is because the performers and the audience exit via different places and it is not feasible to meet up straight after the concert finishes. So, we will meet you back at Little Hill at approximately 10.00 p.m.

As it is a late finish, children are welcome to come to school the next day anytime up to 10:30 a.m. and they will not receive a late registration mark.

There is a possibility that we may need volunteers for this trip. If volunteers are required, I will only know this at a later date and will write to you about this if needed.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Mr Sam Williams  
Deputy Headteacher

## Key Stage 2 Trip – Young Voices – Reply Slip

<b>Child 1</b>	<p>Child's Name: ..... Class: .....</p> <p>I give permission for my child to take part in the Key Stage 2 Trip on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CASH or CHEQUE – I enclose a payment of £10.00 (£5.00 for pupil premium children).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MCAS – I have paid the deposit via MCAS.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and will require a free packed lunch provided by the school.</p> <p>Signed: ..... Parent/Carer</p>
<b>Child 2</b> (if applicable)	<p>Child's Name: ..... Class: .....</p> <p>I give permission for my child to take part in the Key Stage 2 Trip on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CASH or CHEQUE – I enclose a payment of £10.00 (£5.00 for pupil premium children).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MCAS – I have paid the deposit via MCAS.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and will require a free packed lunch provided by the school.</p> <p>Signed: ..... Parent/Carer</p>
<b>Child 3</b> (if applicable)	<p>Child's Name: ..... Class: .....</p> <p>I give permission for my child to take part in the Key Stage 2 Trip on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CASH or CHEQUE – I enclose a payment of £10.00 (£5.00 for pupil premium children).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MCAS – I have paid the deposit via MCAS.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and will require a free packed lunch provided by the school.</p> <p>Signed: ..... Parent/Carer</p>

**Please return by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Thank you.**

### Instructions to pay online

Online payments can now be made through the new parent portal MCAS (My Child At School) app.  
**We are no longer using the School Gateway app for online payments.**

MCAS is available via Web Browser ([www.mychildatschool.com](http://www.mychildatschool.com)) and App (search for MyChildAtSchool in your usual app store – the App developer is Bromcom).

**You can access the Whole School Trip payment, in the Trip section of the MCAS app.**

Provided we have an email address for you on our system **and** you are a first or second priority contact with parental responsibility for a child at the school, you should have received an invitation code so that you can activate your account. If you have not received an invitation code please contact the school office and we can set this up for you.