

27<sup>th</sup> February 2019**Barnardo's National Choral Competition – Final Arrangements**

Dear all,

The exciting day is nearly here! Please take note of these few final arrangements for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March:

- The coach will leave Broad Street promptly at 7.30am. Pupils should be in their school uniform (with tights rather than socks for girls please) and have their coats but do not need hats. Hair should be neat and tied back for girls. It would be wise to bring a brush!
- All pupils need to bring a packed lunch, an extra snack and plenty of water. This may be brought in any rucksack or their school bag.
- Pupils requiring medication should bring this with them in a named bag with clear instructions please and give to a member of staff. Travel sickness tablets for the outward journey should be taken before coming to school if required and then handed in for the second dosage / return journey.
- Children are not allowed to bring electronics or phones and do not need to bring any money. They may bring small travel games / a book / colouring etc as there will be some 'chill out' times during the day when these would be useful.
- The choir are due to sing at 12.30pm for the judges and the evening concert starts at 6.30pm.
- Parents who are taking their child directly from the concert need to meet us at The Clore Ballroom on Level 2.
- For those collecting their children back in Hereford, the coach will arrive on Broad Street by Pizza Express. Our arrival time remains estimated at 1.15am. Please let us know which number to contact you on and we will give you an update on our progress.

- Owing to the late night, pupils will be allowed to arrive at school at 10.30am the following day, if that is convenient for parents.
- Should there be any issues on the morning of departure / during the day please use the out of hours phone number 07515 053353 to contact Mr Debenham.
- The concert will be professionally filmed by 'Black Swan' and DVDs are available to order at [www.bsfv.co.uk/musicshop](http://www.bsfv.co.uk/musicshop)

Finally, many thanks as always for your support. Like yourselves, I am thrilled that the children have been so successful in being chosen to perform at the Royal Festival Hall. Whilst there will of course be an element of competition and a 'winning choir' on the day, I am keen that the children remember that they have been selected from hundreds of entries and are already winners by being there.

Best wishes,

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