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Final Information for **Primary Choir: Youth Proms at Symphony Hall on Monday 14th July 2025**

Thank you for signing your child up for this event. Please find below some final information to help everything run smoothly on the day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

School Mobile Phone Number

If you need to contact me on the day, please use this number: **07710 116 344**

Timings for the day:

11:30am- Children will meet to eat their packed lunches, which they must bring from home. **No fizzy drinks please, and strictly no nuts.** They will then change into their gold/yellow concert uniform before leaving school. If your child is eligible for a free school meal and you would like the kitchen to make them a packed lunch, please inform the school office by **Wednesday 9th July**.

For concert uniform inspiration, please see more info and example pictures on the school website: [Choir | St Laurence Church Junior School](#)

Comfortable shoes please as the children will be on their feet a lot, and no makeup/noisy jewellery please.

12:15pm- Please collect your children from the main school office and take them to Symphony Hall for 1:15pm. They must bring a packed tea with them to Symphony Hall and a filled water bottle- no fizzy drinks please, and **strictly no nuts**.

NB: If your child will be taken to Symphony Hall by someone who is not their legal guardian, please inform the school office in advance to enable everything to run smoothly on the day- **children will only be allowed to leave school with their parent/ guardian unless you have specified otherwise on the form or spoken to the office staff about this- thank you to those who have already done this.** If you are planning to get the train and need to collect your child before 12:15, please also inform the office.

1:00-1:15- Meet Mrs Camwell/ St Laurence staff in the Symphony Hall Mall (inside the entrance to the building nearest to Centenary Square.)

Afternoon- rehearsals with full band, including comfort and snack breaks.

5:00pm (approx.)- Tea time. Children need to bring a packed tea and water bottle in a small, labelled backpack. Recorder Ensemble children will also need their school uniform and shoes with them to change into at the interval.

7:00- approx. 9:30pm- Concert. If you have not yet managed to get your tickets, they can be purchased here: [Services For Education Youth Proms 2025 | B:Music](#)

Please make sure to book for Monday 14th July as the concerts are running all week, but our children are only participating on the Monday.

9:30pm (approx.)- Collection of children at the end of the concert will be coordinated on the day but will be from inside the Symphony Hall building, not outside. There will be a designated meeting point and you will be guided and supported by the Music Service team- please listen closely for announcements at the end of the concert. **Please be patient with all staff as we dismiss the children safely to their designated adults- we have the largest group of any of the schools and our primary concern is the safety and wellbeing of your children. The staff and parent volunteers have given up their evening voluntarily to ensure that we are able to participate in the Youth Proms, so please treat them with respect and courtesy as they return your children safely to you.**

The primary choir will perform in the first half of the concert and will then be taken to allocated auditorium seating to enjoy the second half.

Parent helpers will sit on the stage with the children for the first half of the concert- there is no need for parent helpers to purchase a ticket. **The Music Service have asked that all adults who will be on stage during the concert wear the 'uniform', please.** Parent helpers will be seated with the children (most likely high up in the 'Gods' seats) for the second half of the concert. The school recorder ensemble will perform in the second half of the concert, so children who are also in this ensemble will be able to quickly change into their school uniform during the interval.

Uniforms:

The choir uniform is compulsory to perform. Please could shoulders be covered, but be aware that the children can get very warm under the stage lights, so no thick jumpers, please. Trainers are acceptable as long as they are clean. No hats, noisy jewellery, sunglasses or anything that will be distracting to your child while they are performing, please.

What to bring:

- A small, labelled backpack.
- Filled water bottle.
- Packed lunch to eat at school- strictly no nuts, please.
- Packed tea and snacks to eat at Symphony Hall- again, strictly no nuts, please- and drink- bottled, not canned, please- for the break before the concert.
- They may wish to bring a reading book/ card game/ quiet activity for break times- **STRICTLY NO PHONES, TABLETS OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**
- Concert 'uniform' as detailed above. If also in Recorder Ensemble, they will need to bring school uniform and shoes, as well as their recorder, music and a pencil.
- Inhaler/ other medication if required- clearly labelled with name and class.

Information about parking

There should be plenty of parking available nearby, including at the Town Hall Car Park, which is a short walk from the Symphony Hall, although quite pricey. There are also parking facilities at Q-Park Brindleyplace and I understand that if you download the Q-Park Rewards app you can also receive 10% cashback from your parking. You may also be able to find on-street parking nearby. Please be aware that there are some roadworks underway in the city centre and there may also be extra security checks at Symphony Hall, so it is advisable to leave plenty of time for your journey and getting into the venue.

Public transport links are also good, with New Street and Snow Hill stations close by as well as bus stops within walking distance.

Thank you for supporting your children in their learning of the songs. Their enthusiasm and dedication to learning the words by heart has been great to see. If they do need to do some last-minute 'polishing' at home, all of the resources are available on the school website under the 'Children' → 'Music' → 'Choir' tabs, and children also have a paper copy of the words.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at school via the office, or by sending an email to 'enquiry@stlrcnj.bham.sch.uk', which will be forwarded onto me.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 14th July!

Kind regards,

Mrs Camwell