



MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love To Learn

6 March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

MALCOLM SARGENT SCHOOL CHOIRS - Y5/6 30 CHOIR – TUESDAY 12 MARCH – GRANTHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL

I am delighted to inform you that the Y5/6 30 Choir have had their places confirmed at the Grantham Festival of Music which will take place on **Tuesday 12 March**. The festival is a competition with different schools from around the area. This is the first year we have entered this competition; usually we enter the Peterborough Music Festival but it is not running this year.

Transport and Cost

Under the school's new Charging and Remissions Policy, this activity is classed as optional. That means that it is not a required activity under the national curriculum. In order to make the trip viable, we are requesting a voluntary contribution from parents to cover the cost of the transport, entrance fee and activities of **£8.25 per child**. There is no obligation for parents to make a contribution and I would reassure you that no child will be excluded from this activity simply because their parents are unwilling or unable to pay. However, if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund this activity, and the school cannot fund it via another source, the activity will be cancelled. **The deadline for payment to be received to allow for cancellation is 11 March 2019.**

Remissions are available for this activity if parents are in genuine financial difficulty. However, funding is limited and there is no guarantee that all requests can be met. Parents in receipt of certain benefits, such as those applicable to Free School Meals, may request assistance with the costs of activities by contacting Mrs Town at the school office in confidence at the earliest opportunity. Decisions regarding funding will be made at the discretion of the Principal on a case by case basis.

I require a couple of parent helpers to come on the coach and supervise the children whilst at the festival. If you are able to help, please indicate on the reply slip but there will be limited numbers.

Time and Venue

The festival takes place at Christchurch, Finkin Street, Grantham at 1300. The children will leave school at 1200 after having an early lunch. The festival organisers are running the choirs and music groups one after the other so it is anticipated that festival will finish at 1450. Therefore, it is likely that we will be returning to school at around 1545.

Families can come and watch if they wish and there will be a £2 entrance fee payable at the door.

What To Wear

This is a competition and it is **vital** the children who are attending are wearing the full school uniform in the correct colours. The children are representing Malcolm Sargent Primary School and we want the choirs to look their very best. It sends out such an important message to the adjudicator before we have even started singing. **Y6 - no hoodies please.**

All children will need to bring water bottle and a small snack and a coat.

Boys:

Grey trousers, navy school jumper, white shirt/polo shirt and clean black school shoes.

Girls:

Grey pinafore, skirt or trousers, school navy blue cardigan or jumper, white polo shirts/blouse, grey tights or long socks and clean black school shoes. Hair should be neat and tidy with hair accessories kept to the minimum and navy blue in colour if headbands and bobbles are used.

Medication

If children require a travel sickness pill, please give it to them before arrival at school and any further medication to be put into a named envelope and handed to Mrs Mills that morning. Any other medication that is needed should be clearly labelled and given to Mrs Mills. If your child has an epi-pen or inhaler in school, we will take those with us automatically.

Photography

Please sign the permission form below which also asks you to expressly give permission for your child's photo to be taken for the festival and for the organisers to take photos and for your child's name to appear with the photo.

I am really looking forward to taking the children to the festival and I hope your child will enjoy the experience of preparing for and taking part in the festival too.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Vicki Mills
Choir Director

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Child: _____ Class: _____

- My child may attend the above festival
- I enclose my contribution of £8.25
- I am able to help at the festival
- My contact number is: _____
- Medication: _____
- My child can have his his/her photo taken for the Malcolm Sargent website
- My child can have his/her photo taken for the Malcolm Sargent Facebook page
- My child can have his/her photo taken by the festival organisers for their social media pages
- My child can have his/her photo taken by the festival organisers for their website
- My child can have his/her photo taken by the festival organisers for insertion into the local Grantham press
- My child can have his/her photo taken by the festival organisers for their publicity material
- My child's name may be published with any photographs
- My child's name may not be published with any photographs

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)