

2 October 2023

VOICE IN A MILLION concert at Wembley 2024



Dear Year 5 Parents

I am excited to inform you that on March 20 2024, Year 5 are planning to go to the SSE Wembley Arena to take part in ***Voice in a Million, (VIAM)*** a huge children's choir. The official photo above is one that is used for the marketing of the event and our year 5 children from 2022 managed to get on it, out of the thousands of children who took part! **Please take time to read this letter carefully as there is a lot of information and a two part response.**

Voice in a Million is a project founded in 2009 to raise awareness for the plight of millions of children worldwide who are orphaned, abandoned or separated from their birth parents and in need of a loving family for life. At Grange Park we are working on helping our children to make more links with the wider community so this concert is a great way of showing the children what some families do for those less fortunate. Of course it will also be a spectacular event! In the past, singers and judges from TV music shows have taken part and each year there are guest singers so the children can enjoy live performances as well as be part of a choir of approximately 6000 children, singing popular uplifting songs. Our year 5 children last year had a brilliant time - it will be something they always remember!

The concert is on **Wednesday 20 March 2024 starting at 7:15pm, ending at 9.50pm**. Children will come to school as normal and travel by coach to Wembley after lunch, staying there for a rehearsal with a packed meal until the concert begins. More information about this will be given nearer the time. Children can be collected after the concert if you attend to watch. Otherwise they return to school about 11.00pm. As it's a late night, children can come to school at 10.00am the next day.

Children do not need to pay to be part of the concert. However, there are 2 small costs to take part.

- One will be the **coach transport** to Wembley which we will inform you of nearer the time. It should be **approximately £14.50**, depending on how many children take part..
- Secondly, **T-shirts are a compulsory purchase** in order to take part in VIAM. In light of this, please complete the ParentMail form to order a T-shirt for your child with the correct size. The T-shirts are white with the VIAM logo on (see top of letter). All sizes cost £14.50 including adults. Please consider that your child may be a bit taller or broader in March next year.

Wearing the T-shirt is an exciting part of the event and helps us feel like a massive choir.
Unfortunately if you don't order a t-shirt, your child will not be able to attend.

The deadline to order the T-shirts is Sunday 22nd October 8pm, as the completed form needs to be sent to VIAM the following week. Please make payment via ParentMail > Payment Item > Shop > Y5 VIAM T-Shirt; if payment has not been received by Sunday 22nd October I will call on Monday 23rd to check if your child is able to attend and help you with your order. The T-shirts will be delivered to the venue and will be handed out to the children on the day of the concert.

Parent tickets are also available but I will email about this after half term.

I hope you are keen for your child to take part! If so please provide your consent in two places:

1. **Via Parentmail so that the school knows**
2. On the site '**VIAMTV**'. This is the site where all of the information can be found. [VIAM needs to have your parent details and consent for themselves.](#)

By providing your consent you show you are happy for your child to either be on a photo or video for the concert. As you can see, Grange Park children featured on the advert for VIAM 2023 so it's possible your child could be on next year!

All parents will receive an email shortly with a link to complete a registration form like the screenshot below.

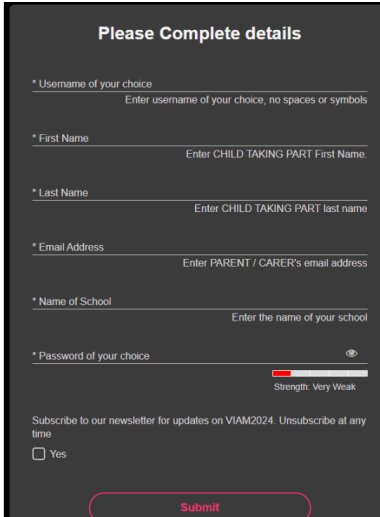
Please follow these instructions to give your consent:

- Create a username (no spaces)
- Add your child's full name
- Add **your** email address and create a password
- Write **Grange Park Primary, Enfield** when asked for the school.
- Create a password the scroll down and click **SUBMIT**
You can use this login for access to <https://viamtv.com/> to hear the songs and find out more.

I realise this is a lot of information but once you have registered, it's easy to access all the information you need. **Children may not take part unless you give your consent on VIAMTV and also by replying on Parentmail/ordering a t-shirt.**

Finally, your child's name will appear in the programme unless you prefer it not to. Please indicate your wishes in one of the replies on Parentmail.

If you or your child are unsure, come and have a chat with me when I am up by the gate on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, or send an email via the office. Also, it's much easier if you give consent now and a



The screenshot shows a registration form with the following fields and instructions:

- * Username of your choice**: Enter username of your choice, no spaces or symbols
- * First Name**: Enter CHILD TAKING PART First Name
- * Last Name**: Enter CHILD TAKING PART last name
- * Email Address**: Enter PARENT / CARER's email address
- * Name of School**: Enter the name of your school
- * Password of your choice**: Includes a strength indicator showing 'Strength: Very Weak'.

At the bottom, there is a checkbox for 'Subscribe to our newsletter for updates on VIAM2024. Unsubscribe at any time' with 'Yes' selected, and a red 'Submit' button.

seat is booked in Wembley, than for a child to suddenly change their mind in February. There may not be space if we don't book in time. We had one or two unsure children last year at this time but when they realised all their friends were going and they loved the songs, they didn't want to miss out. As a reminder, please do the following if you are happy for your child to attend this very exciting unmissable event:

- 1) Sign the consent for school so we know your child is attending.
- 2) Complete the t-shirt form and pay £14.50 for it.
- 3) Check your email and click on the link from VOICE IN A MILLION to register your child. Only one child per email address is needed. Parents of twins can just register once for one child and I will inform them of the other.
- 4) Give consent or not for your child's name to be in the programme.

Please click on this link [Past VIAM concerts](#) for a video showing clips of songs in the concerts since 2010. You will be able to see how exciting the concert will be for children and audience alike!

Thank you for your support and please do check the VIAM website for further information in the meantime. <https://www.voiceinamillion.com/>

Yours sincerely

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