



15<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Manchester Day Parade

We are writing to clarify details of the upcoming Manchester Day Parade. We will be meeting at Deansgate Castlefield Metrolink Station at 10:45am, in order to get changed into costumes, have our faces painted and to have lunch (to be provided by from home in a disposable bag) before the parade. During this time we will be located within the Wow Workshop at Upper Campfield Market- there is no access to this building by anyone not registered to the group/performing in the parade.

The parade will start from Liverpool Street at 1:00pm. Based on our experience in previous years we have reached the finishing point much earlier than the estimated time. For the welfare of our children parents **must** therefore be waiting at 1:45pm at Cathedral Gardens outside Cheethams School of Music. This is an approximate time as we do not want a repeat of last year when some children were waiting for an hour and a half after the parade had finished to be collected.

Please ensure your child is ready for the weather (ie. suncream applied, comfortable shoes etc.)

Some parents have enquired about walking with us within the parade. We have contacted the organisation leading the parade, and unfortunately, due to health and safety reasons, this will not be possible. However, you will be able to walk with the parade behind the crowd line, as long as you are not on the road where performers are walking. Please find attached the risk assessment for the parade completed by 'Walk the Plank'. They have also provided the following statement;

*"Given recent tragic events, we appreciate that safety is of paramount concern to those taking part in Manchester Day. Along with the Events Team at Manchester City Council, we've attended several meetings with Greater Manchester Police, the appointed event security company, and other agencies to discuss safety and security at this event.*

*"Whilst safety is always a primary concern at major events taking place in Manchester, we would like to reassure you that additional plans are in place for Manchester Day, with more visible police presence, more stewards and additional security measures to ensure the parade and the city's public spaces are safe for everyone."*

We attended a meeting with the organisers last night and it sounds like we are going to have a brilliant time. The choreographers were also in earlier this week and there was such a buzz amongst the children and staff.

Finally, please find attached a complimentary return tram ticket for your child to use on the day.

Kind regards,

Donna Wealleans & Midge Murray  
Assistant Headteacher and Music & Performance Lead



**Inspiration & Success**

