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Junior Rock Challenge – Final Arrangements 2018

Dear Parents,

As I'm sure you're aware, we are now in the final stages of preparing for this year's Rock Challenge competition. We have had a fantastic few weeks rehearsing and we are looking forward to seeing the creation on the stage with lights, costumes and make up.

The coach will be leaving Cornerstone at **9.45am** on **Thursday 1st March** prompt for the journey to Portsmouth Guildhall. Please ensure that your child comes into school at normal time and registers in their classroom. We will then take all the children into the hall to prepare for our departure.

The children will then spend the whole day at the theatre, rehearsing for their performance and watching performances of other schools. Because of this, please ensure that you provide your children with a **packed lunch** and **packed tea** to eat before the show. The children need enough food to keep them going for the **whole day**. Please make sure they have plenty of **water** and some **healthy snacks** to nibble on. All food should be provided in a disposable bag.

For the day, we would like the children to wear their **purple PE t-shirts** and **black jogging bottoms** or **leggings** with **trainers**. They need to make sure that they have **no earrings** in and **no nail varnish** on. Please also include a **jumper** and a **waterproof coat**; we will sit outside to each lunch to get some fresh air (weather permitting!) Please make sure your child's clothes are labelled, as they will be getting changed into their costumes, and we do not want items to get lost. All their belongings need to be packed into one reasonably sized rucksack with their name clearly marked.

Please can the children bring a **hairbrush** or **comb** with them on the day as we will be styling their hair. So the hair is in the best condition to style, we ask that all dancers **refrain from washing their hair**. Hair that is unclean is perfect! If your child is a **tree** or **builder**, and you can **french plait**, then sending your child with **two french plaits (centre parting)** is much appreciated and will save us some time! For your child's character, they may also require **face paint** or some **stage make up**, please detail in the slip below as to whether your child has any allergies.

Doors open at **6pm** and the show is scheduled to begin at **6.30pm**. We will be informed of the order of our performance through the draw during the day, so we are currently unable to inform you as to which time we will perform during the evening. The show is due to finish at approximately **9.30pm**, however it can take some time to clear the hall and release the children. Parents are asked to wait in the auditorium to meet the children; this is a condition stipulated by Rock Challenge and the Guildhall. **No parents are allowed in the dressing room**. We will bring the children down to the auditorium area once they have collected their belongings. If you are unable to collect your child, please detail on the slip below so that alternative arrangements can be made.

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Due to the late night and busy day, as agreed with Mr Clarke, children participating in Rock Challenge will not have to be in school until **10.30am** the following day. If you still need them to come in at the usual time that is of course fine.

We hope that you very much enjoy the evening of the performances. Everyone involved has worked exceptionally hard and we are extremely excited to perform on a stage as big as the Guildhall.

Finally, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your support. Our Rock Challenge entry would not be successful without input from the whole school community. All commitment has been thoroughly appreciated!

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Miss Goddard, Miss Pretty, Mrs Quick and Mrs Faulkner

Name: _____

Class: _____

Please return to school by **Thursday 22nd February**.

Please delete as appropriate:

I am/am not attending the Rock Challenge performance and will/will not be able to collect my child.

My child can/cannot have their face painted.

Please give any additional details _____

My emergency contact number for the day is _____

Parent signature _____

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