

Dear Parents and Carers

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

### **Key Stage 1 and 2 Christmas Variety Performances**

We are really excited to tell you about this year's Key Stage 1 and 2 Christmas Variety performances. This year, we are taking the children to perform in the **Meyer Theatre at Millfield!** This will give the children the experience of performing on a proper stage with lights, sound and a more formal audience arrangement. The Meyer Theatre is a much bigger venue than our own School Hall and will enable us to hold all Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 performances on the same day (please find directions overleaf). *Please note that this is a change from last year's venue, which was the Johnson Hall.*

All children will perform on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, as follows:

- **Years 1 and 2 – performing 2.15-3.00pm**  
Performing children to arrive at 1.30pm – the Academy will organise transport to the Meyer Theatre for Year 1 and 2 children. ***Parents must collect children from the Meyer Theatre by 3.15pm.***
- **Years 3 and 4 – performing 5.45-6.30pm**  
Parents to deliver performing Year 3 and 4 children to the Meyer Theatre at 5.30pm. Parents to collect children from the Meyer Theatre at the end of the performance, unless they have an older sibling taking part in the Year 5/6 performance, in which case they will be supervised by our staff until the Year 5/6 performance ends.
- **Years 5 and 6 – performing 7.00-7.45pm**  
Parents to deliver performing Year 5 and 6 children to the Meyer Theatre at 6.45pm, unless you are watching their younger sibling perform in the Year 3/4 performance, in which case they may arrive with their younger sibling at 5.30pm and they will be supervised by our staff until the Year 5/6 performance. ***Parents must collect all children from the Meyer Theatre at the end of the performance.***

***Due to health and safety, and for the safeguarding of children, please do not arrive at the venue before the scheduled time, as we will not be able to let you in. You will have to wait outside the Meyer Theatre until the previous performance has cleared and Academy staff direct you in.***

We will write to you closer to the time giving final details of the arrangements.

For our Year 1 to 6 children in **Specialist Provision**, parents should liaise with their child's class teacher beforehand about their performance.

***Please read the following booking information very carefully.***

As year groups are performing as a 'whole', ***in the first instance***, we are only able to offer limited seats to Parents and Carers who have 'Parental Responsibility' for the child performing. Due to the numbers of children in each year group, initially that is ***three*** seats for the Year 1 and 2 performance and ***two*** seats for the Year 3 and 4, and the Year 5 and 6 performances. Please supply the name(s) of who these seats are for when you make your booking. Once these bookings have been made and

the booking system closes, to ensure fairness, we will release further seats and write to you again about how to book these.

Please book your seat(s) via the Parents Evening booking system on our website:

<https://brooksideacademy.co.uk/Parents-Evening/>

**Bookings go live at 6.00pm today (22<sup>nd</sup> November)** and will close at midnight on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please contact the Academy Office if you experience any difficulty with the booking system.

There is no charge for this event. However, voluntary donations for **Great Ormond Street Hospital** can be made on the door.

### NO PHOTOS OR VIDEO

Unfortunately, because my requests for pictures **'not'** being shared on Facebook have been ignored in the past, as well as an increasing need to protect our families, I have no option but to impose a blanket ban on all photography and video during this year's performances or at any other time when visiting the Academy site. This is to safeguard our vulnerable children and families. I would not wish you to inadvertently expose a child to the risk of harm and put pressure on loving families. **Anyone caught taking photos or video will be asked to stop or leave the premises.**

If you have any questions or concerns about these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



Brian Walton

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### Directions to the Meyer Theatre, Millfield School, Butleigh Road, Street, BA16 0YD

Parking is in the Main Car Park (shown at the top of the map below). The Meyer Theatre is building 'No. 5' on the map below.

