



Dear Performers and Parents

We hope you are looking forward to participating in this year's Festival of Performing Arts. This information sheet is designed to provide you with answers to any questions you may have about the Festival.

Schools and Community Groups will be performing during one of our Mixed Festival nights on 23rd, 24th or 25th March, at the Riviera International Centre, Torquay. The Mixed Festival Night is a vibrant and colourful showcase of talent in Torbay schools and a valuable opportunity for all Torbay schools to perform in front of a large, supportive audience.

The following information applies to all performers and their parents! We hope you find it useful.



The Performance Evening

Performances take place in the Forum at the Riviera International Centre. Whilst children are waiting to perform they will either be sitting, watching the show with their schools/groups in the Forum or preparing in the Arena which is acting as the green room for the performers.

Please appreciate that, in the interest of the security of all our children, no parents will be permitted into the Arena, unless employed by a school, CRB/DBS checked and working to help supervise that evening. In this case, adults will have been issued with a backstage pass.

Security

As in previous years, we have employed our own security staff. There is an established set of rules in place with the purpose of keeping our young people safe, in accordance with central government policy. Our security personnel are, therefore, able to concentrate on seeing that none of our young people are put at any kind of potential risk.

Drop off

This year, the performance starts at the earlier time of **6.00pm**, as last year. We ask that children be dropped off at the stage door at the time given by their teacher and no earlier than **5.30pm. Children should not be left if their teacher is not there to greet them.**

Parents will not be permitted to accompany children into the arena.

Interval

Performers are expected to remain in the arena during the interval where drinks will be served. Key Stage 1 pupils will be permitted to leave at this point, but only by prior arrangement with their school staff. No other performers will be allowed to join parents in the interval or for the second half. They are expected to stay to watch the full show with their school group and to join in with the finale at the end of the evening.

Pick-up

The show usually finishes between 8.15 and 8.45pm. **This is an approximate time and cannot be guaranteed.** At the end of the show, each arena door will have been labelled with the names of the schools groups that will be exiting from that door. Performers should be met **outside** these doors. No child will be permitted to leave early (unless in Key Stage 1, during the interval, and by prior arrangement with school staff). To ease traffic problems, at the end of the evening we are liaising with the Transport team to arrange for the traffic lights at the end of Chestnut Avenue to stay green for longer, thus reducing the usual traffic jam!

Parking

There is a pay and display car park at the Riviera International Centre. Please be aware that parking charges may apply in the evenings.

Video & Photos

The Government has announced a clarification to the law on the videoing of performances. Parents may photograph or video their own child's performance/item for private purposes only. However, it is vital that you are aware of this in case anyone should object to a child being photographed, as to object is their prerogative. Unauthorized filming can contravene copyright laws and you should check with your school for clarification if you wish to film your child's performance. **For reasons of safeguarding, please do not post photos or videos of a school performance on any social media sites.**

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer a DVD of the Festival.

I hope you have found this information useful. Please refer to your child's teacher, in the first instance, if you have any further questions.

Please enjoy the show, and the fantastic achievements of the children of Torbay!!

Festival Calendar:

Monday 23rd March

Mixed Festival Night

Riviera International Conference Centre

Tuesday 24th March

Mixed Festival Night

Riviera International Conference Centre

Wednesday 25th March

Mixed Festival Night

Riviera International Conference Centre

Tickets

£6.00 for adults and £3.00 for 16 years and under. There are no other concessions.

In advance or on the night from The Box Office, Riviera International Centre, Torquay.
Tel:- 01803 206333

Please note there is a charge for online bookings.

PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME:

Doors open at 5.30pm. Concerts begin at 6.00pm. Seats are non-reservable.

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