

HARMONIZE

TWO MILE ASH

online

8th September 2020

Harmonize is our Two Mile Ash School choir – we sing, we perform, and we support each other to do the very best we can! Singing is central to what we do, but Harmonize is about so much more: it's about being part of a team, building confidence and improving skills. We do this through having high expectations, preparing for our performances thoroughly, and having incredible experiences. Singing is a fantastic way for children to gain the confidence to use their voice in all sorts of situations, and it's proven to have a positive impact on their learning and wellbeing as a whole. I am very excited to announce that this term we are launching Harmonize Online!

Harmonize Online will be held on Zoom; this is based on the features and security it gives us, and the user-friendly multi-platform nature of the app. Unfortunately, no software exists as yet for us all to sing together and hear each other in real-time, but your child will be able to see other children from Two Mile Ash, and will be able to sing along at home to the music. Please don't underestimate the power of singing in this way: it may not be exactly as it is when we are all together in school, but it is a wonderful way to interact and have fun in the meantime.

The process for signing up to Harmonize Online is as follows: please send an email to Harmonize@tma.bucks.sch.uk with your child's full name, class, and the session they would like to join by Friday 18th September at 5pm. Their name and class will be checked against our school records to ensure only TMA children are signed up. Once I have collated the register for each session, I will confirm your child's place by email, and send the first Zoom session details. These details **must not** be shared in any way with any other person in any other way, or be posted on social media in any form whatsoever. Those wishing to join the club **must** email the Harmonize account in order to receive the meeting information – this is for security and safeguarding reasons. New Zoom meeting details will be sent out for each session, you will receive these by email by the Friday for the following week. If the club becomes full before the sign-up deadline, parents will be notified, but I am hoping to be able to accommodate everyone who would like to be a part of Harmonize Online. If this is not possible, I will form a waiting list and notify parents by email should any places become available.

Each session will run for one hour from the designated start time, which includes setting up the session and 45 minutes for singing. The waiting room will be active so that children can be marked-off against the register before being admitted. You must ensure your child's screen name is their **first name in full, and their surname initial** – eg. Joe Smith = Joe S. No one will be admitted into the session with any other variation of their name. This is for the children's security.

Each Harmonize Online session will be recorded: this is for safeguarding reasons. The recording will be kept by TMA in accordance with GDPR, and will not be shared or viewed by anyone outside our school. A copy of our Harmonize Online policy will be emailed to you when you first sign-up to Harmonize Online.

Please be aware that joining Harmonize Online is a big commitment: we will be working on several projects, one of which is our usual participation in Young Voices. For more information on how the Young Voices concert will run this year, and for anyone who is unfamiliar with YV, please visit youngvoices.co.uk.

If you have any further questions about Harmonize Online, please email Harmonize@tma.bucks.sch.uk.