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Hello Young Voices and Parents!

Firstly, I'd like to say that I hope you are all as safe and well as you can be in these difficult circumstances. I realise that there are a whole range of emotions across everyone right now and that there will be some of you that will be glad to see this communication and others that would prefer not to. If you're in the latter, I'm sorry, but I'm sure you'll give me the benefit of the doubt and realise I'm just trying to do something remotely to give the kids something that I hope will be fun to do.

Secondly, I'd like to say what an AMAZING event Lift Your Voices was two weeks ago. It was a wonderful experience to have all the Young Voices, all the Ladies Voices and Jenn Bostic collaborating together to produce such great results. I hope everyone was inspired by Jenn – I know I certainly was! I have updated the Young Voices webpage with various pictures and videos that you shared with me; if any of you have any more that you'd like me to add to the gallery, please send them to me. It was great to have Debbie Castles onboard to conduct for the first time and I'm very confident that things are going to work very well with Debbie leading the sessions when we are eventually able to reconvene the group.

I'd also like to share with you that Ray Jackson raised a FANTASTIC £505 to support Young Voices from the sponsorship of him doing the Dronfield 10k. Thank you Ray 😊

I also wanted to provide further details about the idea I shared in the WhatsApp group yesterday for something that I hope everyone might like to have a go at. Over the past few days, I have been teaching myself how to do basic video editing and I have found some software that will play up to 16 videos all at the same time. I can then use another piece of software to create a new video of all the voices playing together! So, we should be able to create a video with as many Young Voices as possible all singing together from their homes.

I thought we should try a song that everyone should know and enjoy and one that has some actions, so I think we should have a go at Lost in Space. I have created two video files for the children to sing along to and I have uploaded them to YouTube and put links to them at the bottom of the Young Voices webpage: [www.dronfieldchurchmusic.com/youngvoices](http://www.dronfieldchurchmusic.com/youngvoices).

The instructions to make this work are:

1. Practice singing the song and doing the actions using the practice files.
2. Then, once you're ready to do your best performance and make your video, play the video accompaniment file in an earpiece or some headphones (so it can't be heard) and sing along and do the actions while someone else records you on a smart phone or a tablet.
3. If you can, please email the video to me at [Robert.aldread@btinternet.com](mailto:Robert.aldread@btinternet.com) or, if that's not possible, send it to me on WhatsApp.
4. Given that this song is in two parts each part has a little section with no singing. I encourage everyone to make up a dance routine in that section. And then right at the end let's have everyone pulling a face or doing a pose and freezing in the pose to finish off. There will be prizes (to be determined!) for the best dance and best pose! 😊

I think that's all you need to know! Any questions please shout up.

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