

VOICEStogether



Voices Together 2025 – Application Guidance

This document will help you complete the application form.

The questions you will be asked are in bold.

Name of school

Your school's full name, to be included with your choir photo in the programme.

Name of choir

This is what will be written in the running order on the programme. This can be the same as your school's name, or a shortened version.

Number of children in the choir (an estimate is fine)

Please tell us how many children you think will be in the choir. An estimate at this point is fine. We will ask for confirmation of numbers at a later date.

Year groups attending

Please tell us which year groups your choir will be made up of.

Number of school staff attending

Please tell us how many staff, including volunteers, will be chaperoning your choir. This is to help us allocate you enough seats.

Please ensure you bring a first aid trained member of staff with you. If you are unable to do so, please inform voicestogether@calderdalemusic.co.uk after completing your application, so that we are aware and can identify other first aid trained staff to assist you if needed.

Please choose which dates you and your choir are available to attend Voices Together.

Choices: Tuesday 1st July / Wednesday 2nd July / Thursday 3rd July

Due to the popularity of this event, we have to do it three times! This is where you select the dates that you are available to come. The timings for each day are exactly the same. Once all applications have been submitted, we will contact you with your allocated date.

If you have specific requirements about timings please specify here.

Once the application deadline has passed, we will allocate schools to a day and inform them if they are “group 1” or “group 2.” Group 1 schools will arrive earlier in the day to rehearse. If there is anything we should take in to account when allocating your school to a group, this is where you can tell us. E.g. perhaps your school group will be reliant on public transport and will prefer a later time slot.

Would your choir like to perform a song of their own on stage? We will ask you for your song choice at a later date.

Choices: Yes / Yes though I feel I/we need a bit of support / No

Not only will everyone sing the big songs together, each school will have the opportunity to perform their own song on stage. This can be with a backing track or an accompanist (organised by school) We will ask you to submit your song choice at a later date. If we have schools performing the same song, the school who submitted the song choice first will get priority. Schools taking part will have access to an online forum for Voices Together, where we will share song choice ideas.

Please state the day and time of your choir rehearsals in school

This is so we know when you are practicing in case we need to visit e.g. marketing, support with choir leadership

Please let us know of any access requirements for staff and pupils attending

This will help us plan seating arrangements etc.

Please provide a second contact email for someone in school who can receive Voices Together communications from Calderdale Music.

This is to make sure your school receives all communication from us without any issues.

**Before pressing "book" below and submitting your application, please read the next few statements carefully.
To confirm you understand, choose "yes" for each one.**

The event will be filmed and photographed, and parents and families in the audience will be allowed to take images and videos too. School groups often film their own performance, which may include pupils from other schools in the background. We will require schools participating to sign a media consent form on behalf of their school group, to confirm they give consent to be photographed and filmed. Please tick "yes" below to show you understand this. If you predict any issues with media consent, please submit your application and email voicestogether@calderdalemusic.co.uk with more details.

Options: Yes / I have an issue/query and will email voicestogether@calderdalemusic.co.uk

For schools singing their own song, we require your song choice sending through by Friday 4th April. Song choices are first come first serve. There will be a forum for Voices Together on the Calderdale Music website with support on song choices. Please select "Yes" to show you understand this.

Options: Yes

There will be some "big songs" to learn, these songs will be performed by all schools involved and may include actions or signing. Please select "Yes" to show you understand this.

Options: Yes

We will ask you to submit a choir photo for the programme and will provide you with a deadline for this. This will need to be a high quality image in PNG or JPEG format. If a photo is not submitted by the deadline we will use a school logo from your website. Please select "Yes" to show you understand this.

Options: Yes

Schools are welcome to use backing tracks. We will provide a deadline for submitting these. Backing tracks must be MP3 files (not Youtube, Spotify etc) Please select "Yes" to show you understand this.

Options: Yes

If you'd like to include any other information with your application please write this here.

Here you have space to write anything else that you would like to tell us about.

Next Steps:

Please now press "continue" and submit your application.

When the deadline passes we will contact schools with more information.

If we are oversubscribed, schools who registered first will receive priority. We can keep schools on a waiting list and keep you informed if there is a waiting list.

If you have any queries in the meantime please email voicestogether@calderdalemusic.co.uk