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Dear Parent/Carer

RNCM Children's Opera Project – Rats! – February 2017

You may be aware that your son/daughter has been working towards an exciting performance at the Royal Northern College of Music. Classes from Alma Park Primary School, The Resurrection Primary School, St Kentigern's Primary School, and Ribble Drive Primary School have each produced a scene of a mini-opera – *Rats!* – which will be performed in the RNCM Opera Theatre. The performance will feature all four schools, a live RNCM orchestra and finishing touches from our professional backstage and lighting team.

The schools have been working with composer and animator Kate Pearson as well RNCM students who have helped the classes to write the story, create the characters and compose the music for the performance.

The main details are as follows -

Dress rehearsal – RNCM Opera Theatre: 9.00 – 2.00pm, Tuesday 14 February

Performances – RNCM Opera Theatre: Wednesday 15 February, 2-3pm and again at 7-8pm

We ask that the children arrive for a warm up by **12.30pm on Wednesday 15 February**

Transport: Your school will contact you with transport arrangements for all of these dates

Food: Children will need to bring a packed lunch for the dress rehearsal day. We will provide a hot meal for all the children between the performances on Wednesday 15 February (usually pizza, chips, muffin and juice) but they may also like to bring a snack and drink as well.

Tickets: Admission is free but a ticket is required and we highly recommend booking your tickets in advance. To do this please phone our box office on 0161 907 5555 and ask for tickets for *Rats!* on Wednesday 15 February, specifying the time of the performance you wish to attend. You can also book online here – please note that there is a separate booking tab for each performance so please make sure you select the performance at the right time: <https://www.rncm.ac.uk/performance/rncm-childrens-opera-project-rats/>

We look forward to seeing you in February.

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