

19th June 2019

Dear Year 2 Mardi-Gras Families,

I hope you are as excited as your children about the 'Biosphere Island' event!

I attended the Health and Safety briefing yesterday and below are definite timings and costume details.

*The parade itself begins at **Ryde School** on Queens Road in Ryde on Saturday 29th June at **3:00pm**. Performers are expected to arrive at the main entrance to Ryde School's playing fields **from 1:30pm** with the expectation that we are all ready to go, in full costume by 2:45pm for 'The Great Sing Out'. **Please do not bring children any earlier as the site needs to be vehicle free and that is happening at 1:15pm.***

*The carnival is expected to reach Ryde town by approximately 3:30pm and will finish at **Eastern Gardens** on the seafront at approximately **4:30pm**. It is recommended that families park close to either the Ryde School parade starting point or the Eastern Gardens end point in one of the public car parks.*

Lanesend staff will be at Ryde School to greet the children and will have responsibility for them throughout the afternoon until they are collected from Eastern Gardens at the end of the carnival at 4:30pm. We will ask you for a mobile phone no. we will also have any medication your child would normally need in school, plenty of water and a small snack at the finish.

A reminder: due to the numbers of schools and groups involved in the event, parents are not permitted to walk with the procession unless they are signed up with school to help.

The costume designs are looking fabulous and the spectacle of the parade is such an important part. We need your child to be wearing black shorts, leggings or trousers. (P.E. shorts will be ideal for hot weather) They also need their Lanesend logo P.E. t-shirt.

Huge thanks and appreciation to those parents who have signed up to help us on the day, it would not be possible to go ahead without you!

See you on the 29th ready to Carnival!!

Miss Poulton - Event Lead, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Price and the Year Two team.