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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of our current Music provision in school, future plans and enrichment opportunities available to your children. Mrs Myers, our Music teacher and leader of the PPA team, is unfortunately absent from school at the moment. At this time, I will be overseeing and coordinating the provision of Music, alongside specialist teachers from One Education's Music Service.

The teaching of Music will continue to form part of the learning carousel, along with Art and PE, during teachers statutory Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time. Unlike last year, these lessons for most year groups will now happen on a fortnightly basis for a full day. This is due to our current risk assessment on reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 between the different bubbles across our school.

2020/21 PPA Timetable

Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 Specialist Music Teacher: Dickon Wright	Nursery Specialist Music Teacher: Jules Kent / Richard Harrold	Year 2 (AM Only) Specialist Music Teacher: Kate Moran	Year 4 (AM Only) Specialist Music Teacher: Xina Lodge	Year 6 Specialist Music Teacher: Liz Cheetham

Week 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 5 Specialist Music Teacher: Dickon Wright	Reception Specialist Music Teacher: Jules Kent / Richard Harrold	Year 2 (AM Only) Specialist Music Teacher: Kate Moran	Year 4 (AM Only) Specialist Music Teacher: Xina Lodge	Year 3 Specialist Music Teacher: Liz Cheetham

Starting this year, as part of the PPA Music teaching, children in Year 2 will be learning how to play the violin and those in Year 4 will once again learn how to play the recorder. We are aware that the children in Year 5 missed the opportunity to learn the recorder last year, so have planned for these lessons to commence in the Spring term. For further information on these lessons, including how to purchase your own recorder, please see my previous letter dated 22.09.20 – This can also be found on the school website.

The Department for Education (DfE) has shared incredibly detailed guidance on the resumption of Music, particularly the playing of wind instruments and singing, that the

school has taken into account and actioned when planning our provision. As I am sure you are already aware, Music is and has been at the heart of our school for a long time. It is for this reason we are keen to resume our full Music offer, along with some new opportunities, as soon as practically possible.

Your children may have already shared with you some of the exciting things they have been learning in class as part of the Music curriculum and I know our specialist teachers have started to recruit new members to join their instrumental lessons, which will resume across the afternoons from the week beginning Monday, 5th October 2020. At present, teachers from One Education's Music Service are visiting classes from Year 3 upwards recruiting for the treble, flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, violin, viola and cello. If you have not already seen Mr Burke's Trumpet Recruitment video, this can be accessed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egKQzG-0CZo&feature=youtu.be>



Once the Music Service teachers have fully recruited and started their teaching in school, we will once again be inviting our private tutors in for guitar, piano and singing. These lessons are currently taking place remotely for those children who started these lessons last year. When it is safe to do so, we are also hoping to resume our Music afterschool clubs, including the Music Hub for our Junior children, Polka Dots for EYFS & KS1 and a *new* Djembe Drumming and Steel Pans club at First School. This is likely to be after Christmas, due to the scheduled work happening in school with the replacement floors and new boundary fences.

At this time I am unable to advise on how planned musical performances, including Christmas concerts, will be affected by COVID-19 measures and restrictions, but will be sure to keep you updated closer to the time. We are really looking forward to welcoming new children to Music and hearing them play around school once again. If you do have any further queries and/or questions relating to Music, please contact the Main Office who will be happy to help.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Davenport
Deputy Headteacher