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Instrumental/Vocal lessons with MPN in September 2020

Dear Colleague/Parent

I am writing to tell you our plans, as they stand at the moment, for the delivery of lessons in the Autumn Term. Obviously it is very difficult to tell what the position will be in schools in September.

Due to the uncertainty we are asking parents to sign up on an online form to indicate that they would like more information on instrumental/vocal lessons in September.

Please share this information as we are trying to encourage as many people as possible to sign up by clicking here [Expression of interest Autumn 2020](#). When we see what the position is we will then be able to send more information to schools and parents regarding the options for the delivery of lessons.

The current DfE information is still that no visitors are allowed into schools. We are waiting to see if this restriction will be lifted by September. If it is lifted then it will presumably be up to individual schools to decide if they are able to have music tutors coming into school and what spaces are available for lessons to take place safely.

As you are aware we have been delivering some online lessons this term and we do anticipate still doing this in September. So far the vast majority of these lessons have been 1:1 lessons delivered into homes with the full consent of parents and with a parent present throughout the lesson. We have spoken to a few schools about the possibility of delivering 1:1 or group online lessons in schools in September. Again this will depend on the space and staff availability, both of which we expect will be in short supply. It may be that lessons are not able to start in schools until after the October half term or maybe even January.

Thank you for your help and support at this time.

Best wishes

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