



Education Resources
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Instrumental Music Service

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The South Lanarkshire Instrumental Music Service (IMS) is very excited about returning to school establishments and to re-establishing the wonderful music-making experiences and opportunities for our children and young people.

The IMS has always strived to deliver excellent music provision using the best techniques and methods available, and as such, pleased to continue to engage pupils through the use of Google Classrooms during the period of school closure.

Instrumental Music Teachers (IMT's) are currently organising their timetable on the basis of visiting 2 school establishments per week and will strive to deliver, where appropriate, face to face lessons to pupils. Where this is not possible, in the interim, pupils will receive live on-line lessons delivered using Google Meet. Please note that this platform is accessed through GLOW and Google Classroom and is deemed appropriate and secure. IMT's have been comprehensively trained on using Google Meet.

We are currently liaising with Head Teachers and Principal Teachers to discuss how learning will be best delivered in each school.

There will be no singing or playing of woodwind and brass instruments by instructors or pupils until further guidance from Scottish Government is received. Pupils in this category will meet with their IMT face to face to discuss and reflect on pre-recorded performances as an alternative to the live performed lesson.

During the Covid-19 pandemic South Lanarkshire Council IMS have strived to deliver the highest quality music provision using the best means available to us. We will continue to review our provision in light of government advice to allow us to maximise the personal interaction between IMT's and pupils in this evolving landscape. Over the coming week IMT's will be returning to schools to set up timetables and arrange their working space and IT requirements. They will also contact pupils to explain procedures for attending instrumental music lessons.

Please note that the contribution towards instrumental music lessons was suspended throughout the period of school closures and will be reinstated at an appropriate point.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your understanding and patience during this challenging time.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elaine Duffy'.

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