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Children in Care

Fully Funded Entitlement to Music Lessons, 2023-24

Name of Young Person: *Insert name*

School: *Insert name*

Dear Headteacher and Carer,

The Staffordshire Virtual School and the Music Service are working together to give all Children in Care the entitlement to a fully funded music lesson through 2023-24.

All Children in Care in Years 4, 5 and 6 have access to this funded entitlement and can start or continue lessons on a musical instrument, or the voice, completely free of charge. Funding is provided by the Staffordshire Virtual School for these lessons and the Music Service provides the teaching staff, loan of instruments and free access to music groups across the county.

Why Learn Music?

“Excellent music education opens opportunities, but it is not simply a means to an end: it is also an end in itself. It gives children and young people an opportunity to express themselves, to explore their creativity, to work hard at something, preserve, and shine. These experiences and achievements stay with them and shape their lives.” - The Power of Music to Change Lives, A National Plan for Music Education, 2022.

Benefits of Music Education:

- Promotes creativity, imagination, curiosity, and expression.
- Builds confidence, develops social skills, and encourages team working.
- Improves problem solving, independent learning and confidence.
- Develops skills for life.

Entrust Music Service Staffordshire has a professional teaching workforce offering a wide range of advice and support for schools and families. The service offers specialist quality tuition across the full range of instruments and work with around 15,000 young people each week delivering music curriculum lessons, music programmes, workshops, and instrumental and vocal teaching. The service also runs weekly music groups for young people and adults to attend at music centres across Staffordshire. You can find out more information about the Music Service on the website, www.entrustmusic.co.uk

The Music Service can offer lessons on the following instruments at your school:

- *Insert option*
- *Insert option*
- *Insert option*

Lessons are provided in school time to ensure music provision forms part of the school curriculum and to avoid additional travel or further cost for this provision.

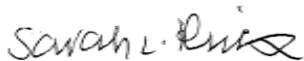
Please contact musicservice@entrust-ed.co.uk by return, highlighting your preferred lesson choice or to indicate that your child does not wish to be part of the project this year.

Following receipt of this return, the music service will identify an appropriate teacher and liaise with the school to agree a weekly timeslot for delivery. In some cases, we are aware that this may be new teaching for the school, so you may be offered an individual lesson lasting up to 30 minutes. If the school already has a visiting music teacher, new starters may join an existing group lesson lasting between 20 and 30 minutes.

If you have any questions about this project, then please don't hesitate to contact us on musicservice@entrust-ed.co.uk or 0333 300 1900.

We look forward to hearing the wonderful outcomes of this project over the coming months.

Best wishes,



Sarah Rivers

Headteacher, Virtual School



John Callister

Head of Service, Entrust Music Service Staffordshire

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