



Dorset Music Service

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Today your child will begin a 10-week 'Classroom Instrumental Learning' programme through Dorset Music Service, on behalf of Octagon Music Hub.

Funding from the Department for Education and Arts Council England enables pupils in Key Stage 2 to start their own musical journeys. Building on the singing and enjoyment of music they will have started in their early years and Key Stage 1 experiences; learners will develop their musical skills and understanding through whole class instrumental learning.

The aim of the 'Classroom Instrumental Learning' programme is to introduce pupils to a musical instrument and to discover and enjoy their own unique musicality. The programme will familiarise pupils with some technical aspects of music-making and develop their knowledge of musical elements such as rhythm, beat and pitch through games and activities.

The delivery of this programme will be led by school staff with support from Dorset Music Service. Pupils may come home with an instrument that has been loaned to them by Octagon Music Hub to support their musical learning. We ask that the instruments are well looked-after for the 10-week period and are brought back in to school each week for their lesson.

Following this 'Classroom Instrumental Learning' programme, pupils have the opportunity to borrow an instrument free of charge for a year! To access this, they must opt to have instrumental lessons in school or participate in a school music club. The school must request the instrument within one term of the 'Classroom Instrumental Learning' programme coming to an end and it doesn't have to be the same instrument they are learning during this 10-week programme. If your child is interested in accessing this opportunity, please discuss it with the school staff.

Engaging with music-making can bring many benefits to young people – it is good for the brain, supports positive wellbeing and gives lots of opportunities to connect with others and the wider community. It's also lots of fun!

There are many opportunities to get support making music across Dorset and these can be found on the Octagon Music Hub website - <https://www.dorsetandsomersetmusicclub.org.uk>

We hope that you will support your child on this musical journey and see the benefits and enjoyment music can bring to all our lives.

Yours sincerely

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