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Dear Parent/Carer,

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION

Our Percussion instrumental teacher, Andrew Horne, will soon begin the process of selecting pupils for inclusion in the school's instrumental music programme. Your child will have had an initial presentation from the instrumental music service about what instruments are available to learn. If you would like your child to take part in **step 2** of the recruitment process, the instrumental music teacher(s) will carry out an informal musical aptitude and suitability assessment.

Playing a musical instrument is fun and along with the musical benefits, it develops self-esteem and confidence; improves concentration and discipline; enhances co-ordination, language, memory, and social skills and has a positive impact on health & wellbeing. It teaches pupils/young people how to work as part of a team and offers a wide range of opportunities and learning experiences which develop and prepare them for life beyond school.

If you would like to learn more about the benefits of how playing an instrument supports learning, watch this short video by Dr. Anita Collins:
<https://youtu.be/R0JKCYZ8hng>



Learning a musical instrument is open to pupils from **primary 5** (strings only), **primary 6** or **S1** at high school (*depending on staff availability and resources) however, this will vary from school to school. As demand for instrumental lessons normally exceeds availability, it may not be possible to offer every pupil an instrument. If your child is successful, you will be informed by letter. However, if your child is unsuccessful, their name may be placed on a waiting list and should a place become available later in the academic year, they may be offered the opportunity to be included on the instrumental music programme (*depending on staff availability and resources).

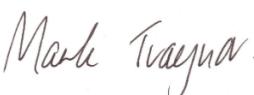
For more information about Renfrewshire Instrumental Music Service, please click the link <https://tinyurl.com/2p8e5476> or scan the QR code opposite



If you would like your child to take part in **step 2** of the recruitment process, complete and return the slip at the end of this letter to your child's class teacher by 15th March 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish further information.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Traynor
Music Development Officer



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION 2022-23

If you **would** like your child to take part in step 2 of the recruitment process, please complete and return to your child's class teacher.

Pupil name		Class	
School		Does your child currently learn an instrument in school with the instrumental music service?	YES / NO

Parent/Carer name		Parent/Carer signature	
Parent/Carer email		Date	

***THIS OPPORTUNITY IS ONLY OPEN TO PUPILS WHO DO NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVE LESSONS WITH THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SERVICE (IMS) IN SCHOOLS**