



Education Resources
Executive Director **Tony McDaid**
Instrumental Music Service

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The South Lanarkshire Instrumental Music Service (IMS) is very excited about continuing the wonderful music-making experiences and opportunities for our children and young people utilising a blended learning approach.

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 Classroom during the period of school closure. This letter outlines the options available to your child for the continuation of their instrumental music lesson.

Instrumental Music Teachers (IMT's) are currently organising their timetable on the basis of visiting 2 secondary school establishments per week. With this in mind, IMT's will offer the provision of a 'live drop-in' lesson' to our primary school children via Google Classroom using the Google Meet platform. This platform is accessed through GLOW and is deemed appropriate and secure.

There will be no singing or playing of woodwind and brass instruments by instructors or pupils until further guidance from Scottish Government is received. It is proposed that primary pupils in this category will meet with their IMT in a live Google Meet 'drop - in lesson' after the school day, from home, to facilitate a 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.

What to expect next:-

- Your child will be invited to join a Google Classroom
- The IMT will provide information on the proposed Google Meet lesson available to your child
- An instruction video on how to access the Google Meet lesson will be posted to your child's Google Classroom
- Resources will be posted to Google Classroom for use in the drop-in lesson

Please note that your child can access the Google Meet live drop-in lesson from any mobile device, PC, laptop, etc..

Whilst there is no requirement for your child to take part in the live Google Meet lesson, I would strongly encourage children to engage with this opportunity where possible. The focus of the live lesson will be to build confidence and resilience, develop a good practice routine and most importantly have fun.

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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, appearing to read "Elaine Duffy".

Elaine Duffy
Instrumental Music Co-ordinator (acting)