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Dear Parent / Guardian,

## Online Instrumental Music Lessons Scheme

I am writing to let you know that the Academy aims to continue to provide high quality instrumental lessons to our students whilst pupils are not attending school in these difficult times. Our musicians have made excellent progress so far this year and we are keen to ensure this continues. I am sure parents feel the same.

The scheme will work in two ways.

1. Private peripetetic staff will upload online video content once per week which students can view, follow and act upon from home. The staff here include Miss McGrath (Vocal Coach), Mr Balfe (Guitar) and Mr Fitchett (Percussion.)
2. Peripatetic staff from Oldham Music Service are busy creating a Virtual Learning Environment from which their lessons will be accessed. The staff here include Mr Ashurst (Keyboard), Mr Prince (Woodwind), Mr Byers (Brass) and Mr Housley (Guitar.)

Both teaching methods will follow the latest guidance of Safeguarding and staff will have recieved the latest training. All video uploads will also be checked by safeguarding officers at the Acacemy before being uploaded. Parents will still continue to pay the same fees for lessons for this service and will pay in exactly the same way. If you wish to take up the offer for the online music lessons please email me stating this. My email address is [nicholas.sheppard@coopacademies.co.uk](mailto:nicholas.sheppard@coopacademies.co.uk) . If there any question please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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