



Dear Parents,

Music is valued greatly at Lipson Vale Primary, both as an exciting and crucial part of our curriculum and in the work that our instrumentalists contribute through their performance work during the school year. It is an excellent opportunity for the children to apply their musical skills to a real musical setting.

This year we will have to organise our orchestra differently in light of covid and ensuring that we keep our students and staff safe.

We will be inviting the children to attend in their year group bubbles on a rota system making sure that children will be kept in their bubbles. This means that the children will attend every three weeks. We will send out text messages and initial reminders to let you know when your child's orchestra practice is. The practice will take place in the hall so that there is both adequate social distancing and ventilation.

The benefits to the child's own personal, social and musical development are obvious and it is well supported through research. We are fortunate at Lipson to have some very talented music teachers who assist our instrumentalists and allow our musical ensemble to perform. They will continue to support the children. We will also be encouraging children to practise orchestra pieces between their orchestra session in school to support progress and quality of their performances.

We are delighted that time is regularly set aside for selected musicians to practise and develop their ensemble skills. The work our musicians do is very much valued and this is further reflected in the curriculum time set aside for our school orchestra. We are inviting your child to take part in our exciting Primary Orchestra, with a view to extending and consolidating their skills and preparing for frequent performance opportunities. We have selected pupils for their level of musical achievement and their commitment and positive attitude in lessons.

The orchestra will take place each Wednesday morning; we plan to meet at 8.30 in the hall with a view to beginning playing as soon as possible. Obviously time will be needed to prepare instruments, stands and music. The practice session will finish at 9.15am, when your child will return to class. Attendance will be recorded and this will be passed to the office to ensure your child is registered.

Could you please complete and return the form to me as soon as possible. Our starting date this term will be Wednesday . 16th September. When we will be working with the Year 6 musicians. We do hope that your child will seize on this fantastic opportunity to help in their musical performance work. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact via, email or telephone.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mrs Caroline Fice, Music Co-ordinator.

I would like my child_____ class_____

to be part of the Lipson Vale School Orchestra. I understand that my child will need to be in school at 8.30am and attend their session.

Signed_____ Name_____