

Dear Parent / Carer

At Dorset Music Service, along with the rest of our Dorset Council colleagues, the health and well-being of our pupils, staff, school colleagues and the wider music education community is of the highest priority.

This is a fast-changing and difficult situation for us all and we aim to support our music-making community as best we can. We'd like to thank everybody for their understanding and patience so far.

Face to face delivery of instrumental tuition has had to stop with immediate effect, as have all our ensemble rehearsals and weekly BFG gatherings. The DMS team are currently exploring how quickly we can offer an online alternative, and connecting with national partners to share best practice and safeguarding guidelines to ensure this is effective and safe for all involved.

If you are a current DMS tuition customer who would like to engage with our emerging offer of online support with resources and tuition (where viable), **and you have not already**, please email [dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) with the name and school of your child and we will make contact in due course. We hope to pilot this provision and make up missed lessons from these final 2 weeks where possible and assess where online tuition could continue during the uncertain period of the summer term.

With kind regards

Sent on behalf of

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