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Hello there Ecclesall Primary School parent

My name is Ben Bartholomew. I work with Sheffield Music Hub and I deliver guitar lessons in Ecclesall Primary. I would like to start a creative music club at EP on Tuesday mornings for half an hour before the school day 8:15am-8:45am. This would be open to any instrument and singers. At the core of our musical activity I am looking to help the children to write songs and their own music. I have experience with this type of creative work for children. You might have heard the school song that came out of my work with last year's Ukulele Club. If we do go ahead with this club I am hoping to develop the arrangement of that song in the sessions. Here's a link to a group of Year 4s I worked with a few years ago which ended up with a performance down at Yellow Arch Studios.

Each week we will do some creative activities that hopefully reinforce musical learning already happening in your child's instrumental or vocal lessons. Some of this will involve improvisation. It will all certainly involve music making using our ears and not necessarily staff notation. At the core of the session will be writing and learning to perform their own song or composition. The nature of a project like this is very open ended. The goal is to create something solidly musically sounding and meaningful for the pupils.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely

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