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Dear families,

I hope this message finds you well!

As your child progresses in their musical journey, I want to share with you an exciting opportunity that can significantly enhance their musical growth: joining a music group!

Being a member of a music group teaches students to work as a team. They learn how to listen to others, blend with the group, and contribute to a shared goal. Additionally, making music alongside others improves their rhythm, intonation, and listening skills. Our music groups offer chances to perform in concerts - performing with a music group in front of an audience boosts self-confidence. It also helps students overcome performance anxiety as they share the spotlight with their peers, making the experience enjoyable and less daunting. Music groups create a sense of community where students build friendships with like-minded peers who share their passion for music. These relationships often extend beyond the rehearsal room and can last a lifetime.

We have a wide variety of music groups on offer at Sheffield Music Hub, the full list can be found on our <u>website</u>.

As a recorder player at the start of your musical journey, I would love to invite you to join **RECORDER CLUB** <a href="https://www.sheffieldmusichub.org/sing-and-play/beginner-recorder-club">https://www.sheffieldmusichub.org/sing-and-play/beginner-recorder-club</a>. This group is for young musicians, usually y2 – y6, Recorder. It doesn't matter if you can a few notes, - we have a part for you! As well as playing our instruments together, we play musical games to develop teamwork and musicianship.

Sheffield Recorder Club rehearses Tuesdays, 6:45pm – 7:00pm at All Saints Catholic High School in the centre of town. Please make sure to <u>sign up online</u> before you come for the first time so that we know to expect you. This is a Band A music group which costs £60 for a term but we offer free places to anyone who is on Free School Meals, Universal Credit or are a Child who is Looked After.

Singing also really helps all young musicians as well as being lots of fun so why not also consider <u>Junior Voices</u>. This choir is for children y2 – y6 and no experience is required. They perform music from all different styles and rehearse Tuesdays, 6:15pm – 7:15pm at All Saints Catholic High School, This is also a Band A group so also costs £55 but if you are already a member of another music group like the orchestra, you can then attend choir for free!

Sheffield Music Hub aims to be inclusive for everyone so if your child has a specific access need or you are worried about how they will get on in a group, please don't hesitate to ask. If you have any questions about any of the music groups, please contact <a href="mailto:musichubprojects@sheffield.gov.uk">musichubprojects@sheffield.gov.uk</a>

Kind regards,

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