

People & Partnerships

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Dear Parent/Carer

Instrumental Music and Dance Teaching in Schools

Thank you for your patience as the service has worked towards a return to instrumental music and dance teaching in schools.

At present, only pupils in S4, 5 and 6 who are undertaking SQA exams are receiving face to face tuition in school. They are also receiving online support via Google Classroom. As singing and playing wind and brass instruments, especially in groups, are considered higher risk activities, we are currently unable to offer face to face tuition in any of these subjects. However, staff are offering to meet with SQA pupils on a regular basis until guidance changes and we can return to face to face tuition.

Instructors are currently making contact with all pupils who were engaged with the service last term through Google Classroom and Glow. They will continue to set work and give feedback and support through this platform wherever possible. We would ask for your support in encouraging your child to check their Glow account and ensure that they have access to Google Classroom so they can access this. Schools can provide log in details if they are not currently using this.

We hope to offer both remote and face to face tuition to all pupils in primary and secondary schools after the October break but this will be dependent on guidance changing as we are currently unable to access primary schools due to space limitations.

There is currently no charge for the service. We anticipate that charges will resume after the October break and will issue further information on how to enrol your child in the next few weeks should you wish to continue.

At present, we are looking at online solutions for delivering other activities such as ensembles, orchestras and Youth Music Initiative (YMI) projects and further information will be circulated as it becomes available.

Please note that these plans can change at any time as new and emerging guidance is issued and reviewed.

If you have any questions please contact Alex Knox A.knox@mgfl.net for information on schools tuition or Robert Dick R.dick@mgfl.net for information on dance, YMI and other extra-curricular activities.

Yours faithfully

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