

## **Digital Music Lessons for Pupils and Families**

Dear Headteacher / Music Lead / Class Teacher / Parent / Carer,

The Music Service has been trialling several options so we can continue to offer music lessons to pupils in the event of school closures or visiting teachers needing to stay at home for an extended period.

We have two digital solutions which will work for group and individual lessons:

- Lessons via Microsoft 'Teams', using the Music Service education account
- Lesson via 'Zoom' an app that can be downloaded by parents and used on our managed devices

All music service teachers are enhanced DBS checked and receive regular safeguarding training. They have also received guidance on the appropriate use of technology for teaching.

Whether schools are open or closed, what we need is a contact email address for the pupil's parent / carer or a key contact in school, so our music teacher can send a link to enable the lesson to take place. We will be hoping to provide lessons in the usual weekly timetable slot with the regular music teacher or a cover teacher from the music service, if this should be needed.

While we don't want to burden schools or families with any additional activity, we do need to ask your help with the following please:

**Parents / Carers** - please email us at [musicservice@entrust-ed.co.uk](mailto:musicservice@entrust-ed.co.uk) to set up lessons. You will need a device (laptop / tablet / phone) and Wi-Fi at home. Our teachers will arrange everything with you. We will also be posting on social media to help circulate this message to parents and carers.

We don't have a digital solution for whole class music lessons at this time, but most individual and small group lessons can be accommodated using the approaches above. While we know this will never be as good as a lesson delivered face to face by a teacher, it is a better option than leaving children without any teaching over the coming weeks.

Huge thanks in advance for your help and support.

**Entrust Music Service Staffordshire**