Dear Parents and Carers

SIPS Contact: Music & Arts

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**Welcome to the World of Whole Class Instrumental Teaching**

*SIPS Education - Music and Arts Service is a leading authority in teaching whole class instrumental lesson. Please learn more about our service at-* [*www.sandwellmusic.org*](http://www.sandwellmusic.org/)

This year your child is starting an exciting programme to learn to play a musical instrument. The programme gives your child the opportunity to experience playing an instrument with their whole class.

Learning to play a musical instrument adds to your child’s development in so many ways.  Research and evidence shows that a quality music education can improve self-confidence, behaviour and social skills, as well as improve academic attainment in areas such as numeracy, literacy and language.

It can change the way pupils feel, think and act and develop cultural understanding as well as enhancing a sense of group identity and togetherness. If your child enjoys learning an instrument, they may have the opportunity to continue learning throughout their education and beyond.

An essential part of learning to play a musical instrument is regular practice. The time has now arrived for the pupils to develop and improve their own learning by practicing regularly at home.  We will loan you the instrument at no cost so that you don’t need to buy your child an instrument of their own.

While your child has the instrument, it will be your responsibility to make sure it is handled carefully and is not damaged. By signing the attached form, you are accepting this responsibility. Pupils are fully briefed how to take responsibility for the care of their instrument and should also take some responsibility for its care.

Could you please complete and return the reply form to your child’s class teacher to enable them to bring their instrument home.

If you require any additional information regarding the year’s teaching programme, please contact music.arts@sips.co.uk or telephone 0121 296 2997.

Thank you for supporting your child’s music education.

Tanya Derham: SIPS Music & Arts Service Manager

**Consent Agreement for Taking Instruments Home**

*#Please return this form to your class teacher Or your class music teacher #*



I give permission for my child ( Child’s name)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 to bring their instrument home.

* + It will be looked after with respect.
	+ I shall return the instrument when asked and will ensure it is always in school for their lessons.
	+ In the unlikely event of damage, I will pay for any necessary repairs.

 Signed Parent/Carer

Relationship to child

Print Name

Date

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