

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Dear Parents,

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for individual music lessons in light of children having to isolate at home. As Mr de Falbe said, it was only a matter of time before COVID-19 reached Beeston, but we can be assured that the music department and peripatetic staff body are well equipped for the virtual world of music teaching. Therefore, if your child has been sent home to self-isolate, the plan for individual music lessons is as follows:

- Individual music lessons will take place as normal but virtually. The music lesson times will go
  onto the school music timetable which is put up on the parent portal each Friday afternoon.
   Peripatetic staff will also email parents directly to ensure that they know when their child's
  music lesson is.
- Peripatetic staff and parents of the isolating children will liaise via phone or email directly, in order to ensure that the child having the lesson is helped with setting up and logistics.
- Each peripatetic member of staff will use their own online learning platform, e.g Zoom, Skype.
   Parents must ensure that which ever platform is used, is checked and installed on the home computers.

I am fully confident that online lessons are the best way to bridge this 2-week gap, and to ensure that your child's musical progress continues. As stated above, Peripatetic staff have had much practice with online lessons previously in the year and are experienced in this area.

If you do have any questions, then do not hesitate to contact me. Meanwhile, I enclose a copy of the previous online learning agreement for further clarification.

Best wishes,

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