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Dear Parent(s),

Welcome back from what has been a very unique six months. I do hope that this letter finds you and your families well and that music has been a constant in your households throughout this period.

Instrumental/ vocal lessons will resume as soon as possible. We are planning to resume our instrumental/ vocal lessons as soon as we can safely do so. We need to establish a safe learning environment and meticulously prepare for our visiting music tutors to safely teach your children. In addition, last week we received the news that there has been a closure of our music service provider (Halton and Warrington Music Support Service) where we source some of our visiting music peripatetic teachers. We have a solution in place which will create a seamless transition for your children whereby they will still have their consistent and regular instrumental/ vocal teacher. We will be writing to you in the coming weeks with a start date and timetable of instrumental/ vocal lessons.

Once up and running, the instrumental/ vocal lessons will remain individual 20 minute lessons in the similar format as previous years. Our teachers will still be teaching from the music practice rooms but now from behind a perspex screen. Doors and windows will remain open. Lessons will finish a minute earlier to allow the teacher to wipe down piano keys and instruments where applicable to ensure everyone's safety. Students MUST bring their own instrument (including drum sticks) or their current borrowed school instrument to their lesson; if they forget their instrument we are no longer able to provide a spare one under the current guidelines (excluding pianos and drums). Instruments can be stored in the music cupboard inside C7. Only one student is allowed in this cupboard at any one time. There will be no extra curricular music ensembles for the time being and students will not be permitted to stay behind in the music department after school hours. There will be no after school individual music lessons. I realise this is not ideal for a thriving music department but safety must come first and we hope to reintroduce and increase the "normality" as the weeks progress. We will constantly be open to feedback, evaluation and review.

Due to changes to contracts with the music service, once lessons resume, there will be an immediate increase from £7 to £8 (per 20 minute individual lesson).

Please can you inform Mrs Wright in writing or email ([Margaret.Wright@greatsankey.org](mailto:Margaret.Wright@greatsankey.org)) if you wish your son/ daughter to cancel their music lessons. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you wish to continue once the service is safely up and running. Thank you for your continued support and Mrs Wright will be in touch with start dates and timetables in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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