Dear Musician / Parent / Carer / Guardian,

Your child's school is working in partnership with Entrust Music Service Staffordshire to provide instrumental lessons for pupils. Learning a musical instrument is great fun, challenging, develops skills for life and can lead to a lifelong interest in music, career paths, the chance to work as part of a team and the opportunity make new friends. You may have been learning an instrument at primary school and may wish to continue or begin lessons for the first time at secondary school.

Here's how the lessons work:

Instruments available for lessons are:

Brass:	Trombone, Trumpet, Cornet, French Horn, Tuba
Percussion:	Drum Kit, Tuned Percussion
Strings/Guitar:	Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Guitar, Bass Guitar
Vocal	All voices
Other:	Keyboard, Piano
Woodwind:	Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon, Oboe, Saxophone

- There are 32 lessons each year and sessions take place during the school day
- Lessons are either individual or shared (up to a maximum of 3 pupils)
- Pupils can start at the beginning of each term or at a half term if there is a suitable lesson space available. Most pupils start in September.
- Lessons must be paid for in advance, either termly, or for the whole year
- The music service administers the lessons, teachers, instrument loan, and payments. Once payment is made, we will let you know when the lesson will be, who the teacher is and any additional information you need.
- Instruments are available for loan from the Music Service at no additional cost (except for keyboard, piano and drum kit)

FINANCIAL CONCERNS – **EVERYONE (except PP learners)** can apply for funding through "**FRIENDS OF STAFFORDSHIRE YOUNG MUSICIANS**" – if you think that payment for the lessons may be an issue, please do not immediately dismiss the lessons as we can apply for funding towards lessons through FOSYM (Friends of Staffordshire Young Musicians) who are a registered charity for supporting students having instrument lessons in Staffordshire and they will support with payment up to **50% of the lesson**. If you wish to apply (it's very easy), please complete the attached Application form for the funding and return to Mrs Farrington-Golds ASAP. Please contact Mrs Farrington-Golds jfarrington-golds@ctkcc.co.uk if you have questions.

If your child is Pupil Premium, please speak with Mrs Farrington-Golds as we may also be able to provide some funding towards some of the cost of the lessons through Pupil Premium funding (PP learners are unable to apply for FOSYM).

Cost of Lessons – Choose an Option from below:

- **Shared lesson/Individual 10 mins***: £84 per term OR **£42 per term with FOSYM FUNDING**

- **Individual lessons** (20 mins): £167 per term OR **£83.50 per term with FOSYM FUNDING**

- **Individual lessons** (30 mins): £251 per term (*FOSYM CAN BE APPLIUED FOR 30mins IN EXTREME CASES)*

***Shared lessons are 20 minutes with 2 pupils and 30 minutes with 3. The 10-minute individual lesson allows pupils to get started, until someone is available to join the session.**

What to do next:

Please do not send payment to the school. Visit LIVE Portal https://entrustmusicservice.paritor.com/enrol/servicetypes/bcfc1262-232e-4c26-a295-65dd166121fc to sign up for music lessons. Follow the link to our secure Online Parent Portal to register and complete the application process. **or** call 0333 300 1900 to pay by debit / credit card and provide all details over the phone.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Queries: Please contact musicservice@entrust-ed.co.uk or 0333 300 1900 and ask for the music service. Alternatively, please speak to MRS FARRINGTON-GOLDS jfarrington-golds@ctkcc.co.uk