



Dorset Music Service

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Dear Parent/Carer

Today your child will begin a 10-week Musicianship Programme delivered by Dorset Music Service, lead organisation for Dorset Music Hub.

Funding from the Department for Education and Arts Council England enables Dorset Music Hub to help young people in Dorset start their own musical journeys. Building on the singing and enjoyment of music they will have started in their early years and KS1 experiences, learners will develop their musical skills and understanding through whole class instrumental learning.

The aim of the Musicianship Programme is to introduce children to a musical instrument and to discover and enjoy their own unique musicality. The programme will familiarise students with some technical aspects of music-making and develop their knowledge of musical elements such as rhythm, beat and pitch through games and activities.

The delivery of this programme will be led by Dorset Music Service with support from school staff. Learners may come home with an instrument that has been loaned to them by Dorset Music Service to support their musical learning. We ask that the instruments are well looked-after for the 10-week period and are brought back in to school each week for their lesson. If pupils are learning Samba, then the instruments will be kept at school as they are too large to be sent home.

Following the Musicianship Programme, the children have the opportunity to borrow an instrument from Dorset Music Service free of charge if they opt to have lessons on that instrument in school or participate in a school club. The instrument will be loaned for a year. This doesn't have to be the same instrument they are learning during the 10 weeks.

Engaging with music-making can bring many benefits to young people – it is good for the brain, supports positive wellbeing and gives lots of opportunities to connect with others and the wider community. It's also lots of fun!

There are many opportunities to get support making music across Dorset. Please sign up to our mailing list to receive updates on local activities and to be notified when the new Dorset Music Hub website goes live. [Follow this link to subscribe.](#)

We hope that you will support your child on this musical journey and see the benefits and enjoyment music can bring to all our lives.

Yours sincerely

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