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Online Music Support in response to Coronavirus

To:	Parents/carers of pupils of Ealing Music Service
Normal Programme:	<i>Individual or Small Group</i>

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Ealing Music Service has been working hard to ensure our pupils remain supported with their Spark! (Whole-Class Ensemble Tuition) music lessons during these difficult times and have been exploring a range of options so we can continue to offer music lessons and resources during the period when schools remain closed.

Small Group Instrumental Lessons

A representative group of Headteachers of the Ealing Learning Partnership have welcomed Ealing Music Service's plans to support the teaching and learning of music during the current Coronavirus pandemic. Due to safeguarding concerns we will ensure that:

- live images of children not are not transferred over the internet
- learning materials to be accessible over a longer period

Each week your child will have access to pre-recorded content on our website to support their musical development while they are learning from home. These measures will avoid the need for parents to be present for children to take part in live teaching sessions (not everyone is able to work from home) and the learning materials will be available for pupils to access when it is convenient for them (for example during evenings or weekends), rather than only during the pupils' usual lesson time/day.

Pupils can expect a range of weekly content over and above what is possible during their normal weekly lesson for them to access including, but not limited to:

- Teaching of pieces and new repertoire
- Masterclass on technique and instrumental skills
- Performances of pieces by the teacher for pupil analysis
- General musicianship activities & games
- Musical Activities– Using the Charanga website
- ‘How to’ Videos - e.g. tuning your instrument, practise effectively
- Listening activities
- Music quizzes & games

These materials will be published through the Ealing Music Service website. To register for access, please visit ealingmusicservice.com/registration-for-online-sgt and complete the registration form on behalf of your child. You will receive an acknowledgement email with instructions on how to access materials tailored to your child’s teaching group, and notifications thereafter each week as the materials are updated. All the content will remain available until the end of the term or normal teaching resumes.

If you have already submitted a registration form through the EMS website then you will not need to do so again; we shall contact you directly to confirm next steps.

In the highly unlikely event that your child’s normal teacher is not able to deliver this pre-recorded online content, your child will be given access to other resources suitable for them produced by another EMS teacher.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via the Contact Form on the website at www.ealingmusicservice.com/contact.

I would like to wish you and your family all the best during challenging times and thank you for your continued patience and support.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Ealing Music Service