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Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Virtual Summer Concert 2020**

I am pleased to inform you that in place of our normal summer music event, which sadly will not be able to take place due to social distancing restrictions, the music department will be holding a Virtual Summer Concert.

You may have already seen some of our virtual performances on our Twitter page (@StMartinsMusic), and I am delighted that technology is enabling us to still make music 'together' despite these challenging times.

The Virtual Summer Concert will run in a very similar way to one of our normal summer events, in that many of our musicians will perform solo items one after the other. However, in the absence of being able to do this all together in the South Hall as usual, it must be done remotely, in the form of individual videos that I will then edit together to make one big virtual concert.

I would therefore ask that if your son or daughter wishes to be a part of the Virtual Summer Concert, they send a video of them performing any piece they like on their preferred instrument to [mharris@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:mharris@st-martins.essex.sch.uk). In the interests of fairness, there can only be one video per student with a maximum performance time of four minutes in order to allow time for everyone who wishes to be involved.

The deadline for sending videos is Monday 15 June. This will give me sufficient time to edit all of the videos ahead of the broadcast date. I would also like to emphasise that all videos submitted should be of performance standard, as I am aiming for this event to be of the same standard as one of our usual concerts. I would be very happy to assist should you require any advice, or assistance with sourcing a backing track.

The concert will then be broadcast 'live' on YouTube on Wednesday 24 June at 6pm, the same day and time our traditional Summer Concert was due to take place. All parents will be sent a YouTube link in advance of the concert's broadcast, so everyone is able to 'tune in' at the same time and enjoy some music performed to us by some of our talented musicians.

I do hope your son or daughter will wish to participate in what promises to be an uplifting and inspiring event. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Harris  
**Head of Music**