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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Instrumental lessons at St Martin's

I am very pleased to inform you that we will be welcoming back all seven of our instrumental teachers to St Martin's this month. Following six months of great uncertainty for them, I am delighted that they are now able to return to work and continue to teach your son or daughter in person. This also allows your child to be able to maximise progress on their instrument, something that they may not have been able to do during our period of closure.

We have implemented a variety of measures in order to ensure instrumental lessons can take place as safely as possible. Student and teacher zones to maintain social distancing are now in place for woodwind, brass and vocal lessons. The door of the practice room can now be left open throughout the lesson if the student or teacher would prefer, and bottles of hand sanitiser will be available in every room. Additionally, practice rooms are now temporarily out of bounds for students during break, lunch, before and after school, to ensure the only students using the rooms are those having instrumental lessons.

I would therefore ask that if you have received an invoice from our finance department for this term's lessons, the balance is paid at your earliest convenience. This will ensure I am able to gain an accurate list of which students wish to have lessons, and lessons will therefore be able to start as soon as possible. I must point out that students will not be able to receive any tuition until payment is received in full for the term.

If you are reassured by the measures that we have put in place and would like your son or daughter to learn an instrument at school, details of how to enrol are on the school website <https://www.st-martins.essex.sch.uk/musiclessons>. We offer one-to-one tuition on a wide variety of instruments, and they will be able to start lessons in January.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone on 01277 238353 or e-mail mharris@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Harris
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