

EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SOLIHULL MUSIC SERVICE

Daylesford Road Solihull
West Midlands B92 8EJ

Telephone: 0121 743 2483

Website: www.solihullmusicservice.com

e-mail: messages@solmus.solgrid.org.uk

Date: 10th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the course of this academic year your child has been learning to play the clarinet as part of the Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET) programme. Each child will be issued with a clarinet supplied by Solihull Music Service, and this instrument will be loaned free of charge for the whole of the year. *Despite ever shrinking budgets, your school sees the value in this musical project and continues to fund the scheme, so no cost is passed onto parents.*

The WCET programme allows children the opportunity to learn the clarinet in curriculum time in a whole class setting for a full academic year. By engaging children in making and responding to music WCET programmes allows pupils to:

- develop their understanding and appreciation of a wide range of music, developing and extending their own interests and increasing their ability to make judgements of musical quality;
- acquire the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to engage in high quality music making experiences including a large scale performance.
- develop skills, attitudes and attributes that can support learning in other subject areas and that are needed for life and work, for example listening skills, the ability to concentrate, creativity, intuition, aesthetic sensitivity, perseverance, self-confidence and sensitivity towards others.

For further information about Solihull Music Service Please visit www.solihullmusicservice.com or follow us on twitter @musicsolihull

Supported using public funding by

From February half term each child will be allowed to take their clarinet home to practise, and to bring their instrument back to school **for every Tuesday's weekly lesson**. Instruments are not sent home at the start of the term, as pupils need to gain essential knowledge and skills on how best to keep the instrument safe and in good condition. This has also been delayed due to lockdown. Whilst the instruments are at home and in transit they will be the responsibility of the parent.

What happens if the instrument is lost, stolen or damaged?

It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure the instrument is kept in working order and we strongly advise that you place the instrument on your home insurance.

The value of the instruments Solihull Music Service provide are as follows:

Woodwind	£
Clarinet	£250

Solihull Music Service has provided each child with a reed to enable them to play the clarinet. Yew Tree School has bought replacement reeds. In order for children to use these, we are asking for a £2 contribution per child for the year towards the cost. Should your child require any more than 2, they will be available to purchase from the school office.

Please arrange payment through Parent Pay. Only children who have paid the £2 and signed the attached letter will be allowed to take home their clarinet to practise.

Thank you for your co-operation in what is an excellent opportunity for your child to participate in the WCET Programme.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Batty and Richard Jones
Assistant Heads of Solihull Music Service

Supported using public funding by



**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

Whole Class Ensemble Teaching Programme (WCET) 2019-20

Please complete the slip below accepting responsibility for the instrument and return it to school by 16th March 2021 at the latest.

Name of Child:	
Instrument:	Clarinet
Identification number / code on instrument:	

- I confirm that I accept responsibility for the above instrument whilst in transit and at home between lessons.

- I will ensure that the instruments will be taken home and returned to school each week for the duration of this academic year.

- I will ensure that the instrument is included on my home insurance policy for the duration of the academic year.

- I understand that the instrument will not be allowed home until the signed slip has been returned to the class teacher.

- I have paid £2 via Parent Pay.

Signed.....

Date.....

Supported using public funding by



**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**