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**Subject:** RE: Music Education in Devizes

Dear Mr Spath,

Thank you for your email and for the update on your position.

The provision of high-quality music education is of utmost importance and, as you point out, work is underway through a number of programmes to ensure that school children across the country are benefiting from this. Both music and art are compulsory subjects in the national curriculum for ages 5 to 14.

The findings from the Call for Evidence on the National Plan For Music Education, which closed on 13 March 2020, will inform the development of proposals for the refreshed Plan. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the refresh of the Plan is on hold, but this position remains under review. I understand that, until the Plan is formally refreshed, Music Education Hubs such as Wiltshire Music Connect will continue to fulfil their roles as set out in the existing Plan.

I'm pleased to hear your Associates have been helped in part by Government support, but it will be important to continue to monitor their situation as the new academic year gets underway. There are a number of ways schools can mitigate the increased infection risk of music lessons, such as physical distancing and playing outside wherever possible. Schools should also limit group sizes to no more than 15, position pupils back-to-back or side-to-side, avoiding sharing of instruments, and ensure good ventilation. Singing, wind and brass playing should not take place in larger groups.

I would also be happy to share the work you do and the #DontDropMusic campaign with a post on my website and social media pages, if you think that would help. Do let me know.

With kind regards,

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