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To: ChairofBoard <[ChairofBoard@wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk](mailto:ChairofBoard@wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk)>

Subject: RE: Music Education in Chippenham

Dear Tony,

Thank you for taking the time to write to me about the future of music in Wiltshire schools.

It is very welcome that primary and secondary schools reopened to priority year groups before the summer holidays. As of 8 June over 70 per cent of primary schools had reopened to these groups and many were also been able to open to other year groups. Looking further ahead, I am pleased that the Prime Minister has confirmed it is a national priority to bring all children back to school in September and that guidance has been published on how schools should prepare for this.

Plans continue for a full return to education from September, a £1 billion COVID-19 'catch-up' package has been announced to directly tackle the impact of lost teaching time. This one-off grant to support pupils recognises that all young people have lost time in education as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, regardless of their income or background. I am sure that music education will benefit from this.

I hope this is of assistance and thank you, once again, for taking the time to write to me. For local coronavirus information or FAQs on the isolation measures in place, visit:

<https://michelledonelan.co.uk/essential-coronavirus-information/> . If you would like to stay up to date with what I am doing around the Chippenham Constituency and my views on a number of issues, please subscribe to my e-news by clicking the following link:

<https://michelledonelan.co.uk/subscribe/> .

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle". The script is cursive and fluid.

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