

Ardoch Strings: Instrumental Opportunities Report for Autumn Term (Aug-Oct) 2020

Covid-secure return to teaching

I was invited back to teach for the second half of the first term. The headteacher asked for a phased return to violin to give the children a chance to settle into their return to school after lockdown.

I do not enter the school building, I collect all violins and place them directly into the village hall at 9am, from where they are collected again at 3pm. Children are then sent out to me in their year groups for a 30 minute lesson, following all the protocols for a covid-secure teaching environment in the hall, including social distancing, hand-washing and my wearing a face covering.

I charged the parents £10, half the usual amount of £20, as I only taught for 4 weeks.

Pupils benefiting from the project

Numbers are always fewer in the Autumn term as the P3s do not start until the new grant year in October. Pupil numbers are as follows:

P4s: 4
P5s: 6
P6s: 4
P7s: 5
Total: 19

There is keen interest among the P3s for violin lessons in the new term. I attach a funding application for the new funding year.

It has been wonderful to work with the children again, who continue to be enthusiastic, engaged and cooperative.

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