

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

Covid-secure teaching

I taught the full 8 weeks this term. I still do not enter the school building, I collect all violins from parents 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.

The parental contribution is still £20 per term. One pupil broke his arm, so only attended half the term and therefore only paid £10.

Pupils benefiting from the project

One P7 pupil dropped violin to focus on his other instrument. It was a joy to welcome five new P3s to the project. Their enthusiasm is always boundless. The numbers of children benefiting is now as follows:

P3s: 5
P4s: 4
P5s: 6
P6s: 4
P7s: 4
Total: 23

Performance

In lieu of a Christmas concert, each class prepared and recorded a seasonal song to share with parents through the school's app.

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