

For those pupils who have completed a year of **Musitrax Band**, and wish to continue to play an instrument, there should be opportunities for them to both

- 1. have lessons on their chosen instrument AND**
- 2. play in a band or ensemble**

There are several options for continuing instrumental tuition, and LMS will be as flexible as possible to accommodate individual pupils' and schools' requirements.

## Option 1 – Clapham Music Centre

### **Instrumental Lessons:**

Pupils who have had one year of Musitrax Band can continue tuition at Clapham Music Centre on Saturday mornings. For a termly fee (plus instrument hire fee) they can access group instrumental tuition and musicianship classes. They would at this point also have the opportunity to change to another instrument.

### **Playing in a Band or Ensemble:**

When they have reached the required standard, they will be invited to join an ensemble and have smaller group lessons. Most MX pupils would take 1 or 2 further terms tuition to meet the criteria for joining an ensemble.

*Further details and an application form for CMC are available from LMS and will be on the website shortly.*

## Option 2 – Tuition at School

### **Instrumental Lessons:**

Schools may wish to buy-in additional tuition time from the LMS tutors who deliver the MX Band lessons. These tutors would then stay on to teach pupils who wish to continue. The SLA gives guidance on passing on costs to the pupils. LMS will endeavour to supply instruments as necessary for a termly fee.\* Every primary school can have 4 hours per week of subsidised tuition. *Further details of this option are in the LMS-School Service Level Agreement, available from LMS or on the website.*

### **Playing in a Band or Ensemble:**

Some schools are intending to provide a school band or orchestra for pupils to play in. LMS is working with the Extended Services team to develop a model for an after-school music club where pupils from a cluster of schools can play together in a band or orchestra.

Alternatively, when they have reached the required standard, they can join a band or ensemble at Clapham Music Centre on Saturdays.

## Next Steps

After the school has decided what to offer pupils who want to continue, explanatory letters should be sent to parents or carers, including application forms for school-based tuition or tuition at CMC. In all cases, please inform LMS as soon as possible of the likely numbers of pupils who want to continue to each instrument, so LMS can try to obtain additional instruments as far as possible.

\* Please note that if LMS is unable to supply an instrument for hire, information on VAT-free instrument purchases at discounted rates through the LMS can be provided.

Financial assistance, (in addition to the LMS subsidised tuition rates)

- LMS Music Centres have a generous remissions policy for those on free school meals
- The Walcot Foundation operates a means-tested individual bursary scheme

Please don't hesitate to contact the LMS for further information or to discuss bespoke arrangements.

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