

# RMT WIDER OPPORTUNITIES INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAMME

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Wider Opportunities is a government initiative, designed to give all children the chance to play an instrument as an integral part of National Curriculum music lessons. There are three stages in our programme and next term your child will be taking part in the first stage.

<b>INITIAL</b>	<b>Musical development through learning to play an instrument</b>	<b>Term 1 8 weeks</b>
<b>TRANSITION</b>	<b>Provision for children who wish to continue and enjoy learning in large groups</b>	<b>Terms 2 &amp; 3 20 weeks</b>
<b>CONTINUATION</b>	<b>Ongoing standard RMT tuition in small groups for children who wish to continue learning</b>	<b>Term 4 and beyond</b>

### What happens in the Initial Stage?

In the first term, two Richmond Music Trust instrumental teachers work alongside class teachers for 8 sessions. Children learn to play instruments in a whole class group and explore different elements of music through playing.

In addition to being skilled teachers, many of our staff are professional players whose performance skills can bring a new dimension to music lessons. At the end of this stage you will be invited to see some of the work in action.

### My child is already learning an instrument – will they still benefit from the programme?

The programme will broaden your child's music experience and will allow those who already play to share their knowledge with others. It's also great fun to learn a new instrument and play with classmates.

### Will I be asked to pay for Wider Opportunities Sessions?

There is no charge to parents for the Initial Stage of the programme, as these are whole class activities and are delivered as part of the school's music curriculum.

The transition stage runs for a further two terms and is a bridge between whole class teaching and standard tuition. Teaching takes place in groups of between 6 and 15 children\* and instruments are provided free of charge. There is a small charge for tuition. You will receive more details towards the end of the initial stage.

\*Different arrangements will apply if fewer than 6 children would like to continue playing

After the transition stage, we offer our standard small group tuition. We will send you further details about this. At this point, you will need to hire or buy an instrument for your child.

Further information can be found on our [website](#), or please contact our office team via [admin@richmondmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@richmondmusictrust.org.uk) /020 8538 3866 if you have any queries.