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Dear Parents

My name is Mr Pattison and I am pleased to introduce myself as the new teacher of Music and Drama at Settlebeck School. I am writing to inform you of some exciting developments taking place within the music department at Settlebeck, which relates to all year groups, so read on to find out more.

Individual Music Lessons

Settlebeck has always offered children the opportunity to study an instrument or voice in addition to their whole class curriculum lessons.

Lessons will be held on a 1-to-1 basis, with either myself or a visiting specialist instrumental or vocal tutor and lessons will last ½ an hour. Instruments include piano, electric/acoustic/classical guitar, bass guitar, drums, woodwind (flute, saxophone, clarinet, etc.), brass (trumpet, French horn, tenor horn, etc.), strings (violin, viola, cello, etc.), singing and more!

We are extremely lucky to have access to a limited amount of funding from the Sedbergh-based Freda Trott Trust. The cost is normally £15 per lesson; however, thanks to the funding, we are hoping to offer all lessons at the reduced price of only £7.50. You will pay the full cost of lessons directly to the music teacher and then claim 50% of the cost back from The Freda Trott Trust. More information is available on request. For students in receipt of Pupil Premium, the full cost of lessons will be met through pupil premium funding and a grant from the Freda Trott Trust. Teachers will invoice the school directly.

In addition, thanks to another local charity, the Sedbergh Pepperpot Club, we have access to a variety of orchestral instruments which can be loaned for the nominal cost of the insurance cover. If your child wishes to learn an instrument but does not have access to one then they are able to take one on long-term loan, subject to availability.

Music has numerous positive benefits and I am really hoping to ignite a new interest in music in the school. One of the best ways to do this, aside from classroom music, is through these lessons.

If your child shows an interest but is unsure of an instrument, they are welcome to have introductory lessons, again at the reduced cost. However, I politely ask that, as lessons are subsidised and we have a limited amount of funding, children must show 100% commitment to their lessons if they wish to continue.

All lessons will adhere to strict Covid-19 guidelines and delivery of these lessons will be in a safe and controlled environment.

If your child is interested in instrument or vocal lessons, please complete and return the form below.

Curriculum Music

In KS3 whole class music, we are focussing on practical music making. Moving on to KS4, children will be able to study the Rock School course as an accessible alternative to GCSE music. If your child shows a talent for or enjoys playing, performing and composing music then this course is for them. Rock School is highly regarded, recognised and accepted by colleges and universities as an alternative to GCSE music and is accessible to all students no matter their musical background, be it classical/traditional or more contemporary pop/rock.

With a combination of KS3 curriculum music lessons and 1-to-1 lessons, this will give children the skills they need to develop their music ability, whether through study at KS4 and beyond or simply as a hobby.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above then please email me on pattison@settlebeck.org.

All the best



Mr Tom Pattison
Teacher of Music and Drama

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Name _____

Child's Name _____

Instrument _____

Contact email _____

Tel. number _____

Signed _____ (parent/carer) Date _____