



Dear Parent/Carer

**Durham Music Service provides musical opportunities to young people across
County Durham and Darlington.
Your child can sign up to have lessons now.**

Your child took part in a 'First Access' programme in Year 3 and had the chance to try playing a musical instrument. I hope you were able to hear one of the online performances and hear how well they did with the violin.

We'd now like to offer your child the chance to carry on learning an instrument. Here at Howletch, we have always promoted music-making both on an individual level and as a group in an orchestra which used to run here each Friday. COVID has halted this for over a year now but we would very much like to see music-making again in school and hope that more children will sign up and start learning to play.

The chance to play an instrument will stay with your child for the rest of their lives. Playing will increase their understanding and enjoyment of music and build teamwork, increase self-confidence, giving opportunities to perform and giving them a head-start in school music lessons. Lessons are fun and open to all children. You can hire an instrument for your child through Durham Music Service and they will be able to bring this home.

You can find information about how much lessons cost on the Durham music service website. Lessons are subsidised for families with lower incomes and lessons for some children may be completely free.

The instruments being offered at Howletch Lane Primary School this year are as follows:
Violin and viola with Mrs Sellers
Flute, clarinet, saxophone and piano with Mrs Preston
Guitar with Mr Wyatt
Drums with Mr Henderson

If you would like your child to learn an instrument, please sign up here:

<https://www.durhammusic.org.uk/sign-up>

If you have any problems or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

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Head teacher

