



# Northumberland County Council

**Your Ref:**

**Our Ref:** WCET Welcome letter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Your child has an amazing opportunity this term!**

Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET) is an exciting programme that involves the whole class learning to play a musical instrument or sing together. The children take part in a range of activities that develop musical skills, knowledge and understanding. This builds an excellent foundation for learning music.

**Research shows that musical learning also helps improve numeracy and literacy, personal, social and physical development, and general health and wellbeing.**

Music Partnership North provides instrumental tutors and instruments to schools who 'buy in' the WCET provision. **There is no charge to parents.** The tutors work with the whole class in weekly lessons, alongside a member of school staff, learning to play an instrument and/or sing together. For many children, this is the first step in their musical journey.

Some schools may allow instruments to be taken home for practice and brought back into school for the music activities/lessons. **If your school offers this, please support your child's efforts whenever they practise at home. Please also make sure that your child brings the instrument back to school each week, so that they can be actively involved in the session.**

**Children have the opportunity to build on the WCET experience by taking up small-group or individual lessons on a range of instruments.** Further information about what instruments are available, and the cost of these lessons can be provided by the school office.

We hope your child enjoys these sessions and the wide ranging benefits that we know music education has to offer.



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If you would like more information on the work of Music Partnership North then please visit our website at <https://music.northumberland.gov.uk> or call the office on 01670 624045.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. M. Craig". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a large 'J' and 'C'.

Jacky Craig  
Lead Officer  
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