Dear Parents/Carers, September 2017

The Hackney Music Service is delighted to be able to invite your child to join us for the **15th Autumn Term Holiday Music Course.**

**This year we are offering an exciting new opportunity to take part in more mixed and collaborative ensembles.  These ensembles offer a broader breadth of experience playing music from around the world in mixed instrumental groups.**

As usual, the course programme will run for three days during the October half term from **Tuesday 24th, 25th and 26th October 2017** inclusive at **William Patten Primary School** (full details below). If you wish to apply for a place on any of the courses, please complete the enclosed Holiday Course application form and return by **midday Friday 13th October 2017.**

**How to apply:-**

**By email:** return your completed application form to musicservice@learningtrust.co.uk . Pl**ease ensure that your payment is received by the Hackney Music Service within ONE week of registering to secure your place on your chosen course. Cheques should be made payable to ‘London Borough of Hackney’ and sent or delivered** to Hackney Music Service, The Tomlinson Centre Annexe, 317 Queensbridge Road, Hackney, E8 3ND. You can also pay by cash direct to the Hackney Music Service office. Please complete a separate form for each child. Places are limited to one course per child.

**The courses on offer are as follows:**

A: Courses 1 and 2: full 3 days **9.30am – 3.30pm**

**Courses in Group A are for** **children in years 3 - 8** each running for 3 full days. Children can sign up for only one of these courses and should be in receipt of regular tuition or have had lessons for at least one year. With the exception of piano, keyboards and drum kit, **children must bring their own instrument with them**. In addition to the instrumental work, children will be engaged in a variety of other activities including general musicianship, singing, creative music making and performance.

**1. Klezmer**: Come and explore Klezmer music, the celebratory Jewish music of Eastern Europe, so popular all over the world. Players will learn some traditional melodies, rhythms, dance steps and songs.

 Suggested Instruments: Violin / Cello / Double Bass/ Guitar/ Flute/ Clarinet/Percussion/Piano

 Other instruments may also be suitable

**2. Big Band / Jazz**: The Big Band Sound, join a group of musicians playing jazz, dance music and improvisation.

 Suggested Instruments: Trumpet / Tenor Horn / Trombone / French Horn/ Saxophone/

 Clarinet/ Drum Kit. Other instruments may also be suitable.

B. Courses 3 - 4: Percussion Instruments, open access – full 3 days **9.30am – 3.30pm**

**3. Orchestral percussion**:   A fabulous opportunity to explore orchestral percussion from around the world including Timpani, Drum kit, Xylophone, Glockenspiel, Djembe and many others.

**4. Steel Pans**: This ever popular course is available once more to children looking to experience the fun, vibrancy and exotic sound of Steel Pans.

(limited places)

**Courses in Group B are for children in years 3 - 8** and are open access; therefore no previous experience is necessary. Each course runs for 3 full days. Children will also take part in general musicianship activities including singing and composing.

C. Course 5: Creative Music- Making – 3 mornings only **9.30am – 12.20pm**

*(Reception class not eligible)*

**5. Years 1 & 2**

This is an open access course for children in **Years 1 and 2 only.** During the morning children will be involved in a range of activities including singing, composing, exploring sound, rhythm work and general music making activities. There will be a short performance of their work on the last morning of this course.

Should the Music Service have any doubt as to the suitability of your choice of course; a course team leader will contact you to discuss it.

Venue:

William Patten Primary School, Stoke Newington Church Street N16 0NX

**Fees:**

**Courses 1–4: Full days:** **£80.00, £55.00** for each sibling (i.e. £80.00 + £55.00) all concessions **are** **£20.00.**

**Course 5: Mornings only:** (*Years 1 – 2*) **£55.00**. Sibling discount not applicable for this course.

All courses are already subsidised, however if you think you may have difficulty in meeting the full cost of the course, please contact the Music Service to discuss this.

Concessions are available for those on income support, housing benefit and for families with children on free school meals. If this applies to you, please ensure that your child’s application form is endorsed to this effect by your child's school.

Supplementary charges:

For Hackney residents whose children attend an out-of-borough school, there is an additional £10.00 per applicant added to each advertised course fee.

For applicants who neither live in the borough, nor attend a Hackney school, there is an additional £15.00 per applicant added to each advertised course fee. Concession rates do not apply.

As mentioned above, payment is by cheque which must be made payable to: **LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY.** Alternatively, you can pay by cash by visiting the Hackney Music Service office.

Registration:

Registration is from 9.30am – 10.00am each day.

Collecting your child:

Please be prompt when collecting your child at the end of the day, as there **are no facilities for childcare.**

If you are happy for your child to make the journey home unaccompanied, you must provide written permission clearly stating this. Alternatively, you can complete a permission slip on arrival at registration on the first day *(permission slips available at registration).*

Please ensure that your child has a packed lunch for each full day course and refreshments for the morning break. In order to minimise any contamination risk in a growing number of children with nut allergies, we request that children’s snacks and packed lunches do not include nuts.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

Emilia Crawford

Lead Tutor

**Hackney Music Service**