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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been asked by the Department for Education to share the following information and survey about music in schools with you. You have been invited to take part in the survey should you wish to.

An information sheet is attached.

The online survey should take around 10 minutes and should be completed as soon as possible. To take part, please use the following link:

<https://survey.natcen.ac.uk/MusicHubsParentSurvey2024>

Kind Regards
Heatherwood School

Parent Music Survey Parent Survey Information Sheet

Thank you for expressing interest in taking part in this vital piece of research on music education.

What is this about?

Your child's school has agreed to take part in a research project called the Music Hubs Evaluation. As part of this project, we are surveying parents whose children take part in music activities in and out school. Taking part is voluntary.

What is the Music Hubs Evaluation?

- The Department for Education (DfE) has asked the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) to evaluate the Music Hubs programme and associated funding. NatCen is a non-profit organisation, independent of government departments and political parties.
- Please refer to our [Taking Part webpage](#) for more information.

What will taking part in the Music Survey involve?

The online survey will take around 10 minutes to complete, and participation in the survey is entirely voluntary. Please answer all questions honestly – there are no right or wrong answers. You will be able to skip questions you do not wish to answer.

The survey will include questions about:

- what music activities your child is involved in,
- your views about music provision at your child's school and your local Music Hub / Music Service,
- your thoughts on the benefits of the music activities for your child.

Why is this survey important?

- The survey findings will be used by the government to understand how the Music Hubs are running and any improvements that can be made.
- The evaluation aims to explore the impact of the Music Hubs programme on children, young people, teachers and schools. It will also provide opportunities for schools and music educators to share effective practice and inform future policy.
- An interim report on this evaluation will be published on gov.uk in Autumn 2025, and a final report will be published in Autumn 2027.

What will happen to the information I give?

Personal data collected as part of this evaluation will only be used for research purposes. No individual students, parents or schools will be identified in any report arising from data collected in this survey.

The school will not be able to see any of your survey answers.

You can find further information about data collection, sharing and storing, and about withdrawing from the evaluation in the project's [Privacy Notice](#).

All data will be transferred and stored securely in accordance with UK GDPR, and NatCen will securely delete personal information 12 months after the evaluation is finished (by October 2028 at the latest) (with explicit permission of the DfE).

Next steps

Please use the survey link you got from your school to take part in this evaluation. If you would like to know more, have trouble accessing the survey, or have any questions, please visit our [Taking Part webpage](#), email us at musicprogrammes@natcen.ac.uk or phone us at 0808 1969507.

Thank you in advance.

The NatCen Music Hubs Evaluation team