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Our Ref: Hourly Price Rise
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Dear Schools, Colleges and Academies,

Re: Essex Music Service Hourly Price Charge

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you today with an important update regarding our instrumental tuition service. This letter will detail the reasons behind the price increase of our instrumental tuition. We have contacted parents who pay directly to share this information with them.

Firstly, I want to express our gratitude for your continued support and dedication to your pupils' musical education. It's truly inspiring to see the progress and enthusiasm they bring to their lesson's week after week.

Over the years, we have strived to provide high-quality instrumental tuition while keeping costs affordable for all families. However, it's important for us to be transparent about the financial realities we face. Despite our best efforts to control expenses, the costs associated with delivering this service have risen significantly.

Over the last year we have continued to absorb the rising costs to ensure that access to music education remains accessible and equitable for all young people across Essex. We stand firm in our belief that every child should have the opportunity to explore their musical talents, regardless of their financial circumstances. To this end we continue to offer generous tuition discounts which can be applied for via our website.

However, it has become increasingly clear that we cannot continue to just absorb the rising costs in the long term. After careful consideration and analysis, we have come to the decision that we need to adjust the pricing of our instrumental tuition service to better reflect the true cost of delivering it.

This decision was not made lightly, and we understand that it may cause concern for some families. Please know that our primary goal remains the same: to provide inspiring music education that nurtures the talents and passions of our young people.

Our dedication to providing accessible music education remains unwavering, and we believe that this adjustment will ultimately strengthen our ability to continue serving our students for years to come.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Together, we can ensure that music remains a vibrant and enriching part of your pupil's lives.

Yours sincerely,

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