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Dear Parent/or Carer,

We are delighted to be able to invite your child to join Beginner Wind Band at Stockport Music Centre. We currently have three wind bands, Beginner Wind Band, Intermediate Wind Band and our award-winning Wind Orchestra. The Beginner Band is for children who have only just started to play their instruments until they reach approximately grade one standard. They then have the opportunity to progress into Intermediate Band. Rehearsals are held here at the Music Centre on **Wednesday evenings from 5.00 to 6.00pm**.

We have had great success with our wind bands, playing in the National Festival of Music For Youth, performing at the regional heats and then being invited to play at the National finals at Symphony Hall in Birmingham. One year they performed so well they won the opportunity to work with the Royal Marines Band for a day in Portsmouth. We also have internal performances throughout the year at the Stockport Town Hall as well as other local venues. We went on tour to Heilbronn, Germany in May 2019 and we hope to be organising another foreign trip very soon. There's nothing quite like performing with a group to increase confidence and fluency and to meet other musicians and make new friendships, not to mention our well stocked Tuck Shop. Beginner Band will be the first step in being involved with some fantastic musical opportunities!

If your child is interested and would like to attend a rehearsal, please come along to **Stockport Music Service, George Lane, Stockport, SK6 1DJ**. If you require any further information, you can email music.service@stockport.gov.uk or just phone 0161 483 0024. Subscriptions for are currently £32 per term, but we don't ask for payment immediately until new members have settled in and have decided it's for them. We also offer a family rate of £55, which covers any siblings.

We would encourage everyone who learns an instrument to also join one of our choirs. They rehearse on a Tuesday evening. Please see our website for more information. Singing is a fantastic way to develop your ear and support your musical studies. Please note the subscription fee covers all ensembles so musicians can attend as many groups as they wish.

Kind Regards

The Wind, Brass and Percussion team



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