

PE1694/M

West Dunbartonshire Council submission of 25 October 2018

1. The drop-out rate of children having instrumental music tuition in the past two years.

2016/17: Total Pupils – 1034, No. that stopped – 136 **Drop-out rate 13.5%**

2017/18: Total Pupils – 1102, No. that stopped – 220 **Drop-out rate 19.96%**

2. The projected drop-out rate for this year if charges for instrumental music tuition continue to increase as they have done in recent years.

We would expect a **2018/19 drop out rate of between 10-15%** but our initial numbers will be smaller to start with due to the charges that have implemented.

(We do not have actual numbers as pupils are required to register online and not all pupils have completed this.).

3. Is there a particular reason that instrumental music tuition is not being regarded by education departments as a core subject?

Music as a subject is a core element of the curriculum and all pupils have the opportunity to participate in this. Additional instrument tuition is offered to pupils and they can make the decision if they want to participate in this. This would be similar to pupils participating in PE and then look to receive additional coaching in a particular sport.