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Aberdeenshire Council submission of 30 October 2018

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

School year (note 1)	2016/2017	2017/2018	Oct-18 (note 2)
total instrumental pupils	3060	3171	2485
total new instrumental pupils started	1043	1114	265
total instrumental pupils stopped	876	959	350

The projected drop-out rate for this year if charges for instrumental music tuition continue to increase (note 3) as they have done in recent years

projected school year	2018/2019 (note 4)
projected total instrumental pupils	3280
projected total new instrumental pupils started	1180
projected total instrumental pupils stopped	1050

Notes:

1. The figures are based on all pupils who received tuition at any point during the school year.
 2. The figures are based on the all pupils who received tuition between 21 August and 4 October 2018.
 3. Tuition fees have increased by the RPIX inflationary index every year since 2005.
 4. The figures assume that the upward trend will continue as there has been no change in the council's charging policy.
 5. The 'stopped' figures include pupils who left school at the end of 5th or 6th year etc.
- Is there a particular reason that instrumental music tuition is not being regarded by education departments as a core subject?