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Dear Headteacher / Head of Music

The Leeds Music Education Partnership (the music education hub for Leeds) has funding to offer bursaries to assist children who are entitled to free school meals on grounds of income to have small group instrumental or vocal lessons in school. This offer does not cover the universal provision of free school meals for KS1 children.

LMEP is keen to ensure that no child is excluded because of their inability to pay. We are able to make bursary funds available to cover costs that would otherwise be charged to families of up to £100 for the year. Schools who choose not to pass on the costs of tuition to families may also apply for bursaries to cover their outlay for children with free school meal entitlement. This bursary offer **excludes** whole class or wider opportunities teaching schemes, ensembles, and tuition in groups of more than 15 children.

Please find the enclosed application form for the scheme. In order to reflect need across the city, we will be awarding bursaries in proportion to the number of FSE children at your school. As in previous years, there is a fixed budget to support the scheme. We do not yet know how many applications we will receive from each school, and it is not possible to tell you in advance how many bursaries your school may receive.

Please complete the form and return to Aretha Suen in the ArtForms office by October 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. We will then credit your school budget up to £100 for each named pupil for whom it has been possible to grant a bursary for the full 2019/20 academic year. The amount claimed should be the same as the charge to the student, if applicable.

Please attach a photocopy of the instrumental/vocal teacher's register of learners to support your application.

Yours sincerely



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