**{YOUR FULL ADDRESS}**

**{YOUR POSTCODE}**

**{DATE}**

Dear **{MP NAME}**,

My names is **{YOUR NAME}** and I am a constituent of **{CONSTITUENCY}**. I am writing to you today because I am concerned about the future of music education in schools.This is something that is particularly important to me as **{INCLUDE ANY PERSONAL EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE INFORMED THIS}**.

Locally, our Music Service has **{INCLUDE LOCAL, SPECIFIC SITAUTIONS, GIVE LOCAL EXAMPLES}**. At a national level, Music Services work with over 1 million pupils per year and 19,656 schools. The workforce is made up of 12,600 highly-trained specialist tutors keen to continue providing a high-quality music education to children and young people.

There are some key points I would like to raise regarding the current situation and the most recent DfE announcements:

* Pupils and families have found solace and support in the music education offers, delivered by a highly-skilled workforce, that has continued to provide tuition and other musical activities during the Coronavirus pandemic **{INCLUDE A LOCAL EXAMPLE}**.
* The organisations that make up the local Music Education Hub in this constituency now have a vital role to play as schools recover from the impact of Coronavirus.
* I welcome the guidance that has come from the DfE to help schools reopen and am pleased that it confirms the expectation for a broad and balanced curriculum. I look forward to further music-specific guidance which will ensure that schools maintain their music offer as they reopen to all pupils in September.
* Music education organisations will be crucial to realising the ambitions of the government’s refreshed National Plan for Music Education. The current threat to their existence could have a major impact on the delivery of the Plan.
* **{ADDITIONALLY, RAISE SPECIFIC, LOCAL ISSUES WITH MUSIC EDUCATION, NOTING HOW THIS WILL IMPACT ON QUALITY MUSIC CURRICULUM IN SCHOOL AND LEARNING AND PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUPILS, AND WHAT WOULD HELP OVERCOME THESE.}**

As schools will already be planning their curriculum for the next academic year, I ask that you publicly endorse the benefits of music education in and out of the classroom for all children and young people. I ask that you use your voice as our MP to ensure both the DfE and the DCMS are challenged to remember the importance of music education as their plans and policies develop. The Government’s investment in music education through the National Plan for Music Education over the past 7 years is in danger of being lost.  Please add your voice in helping to mitigate the threat to music education organisations because of Coronavirus.

A meaningful music education is fundamental to a meaningful education as a whole; we cannot lose the organisations that make up our local Music Education Hub as part of this community.

Please do keep me informed of your work on this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

**{YOUR NAME}**