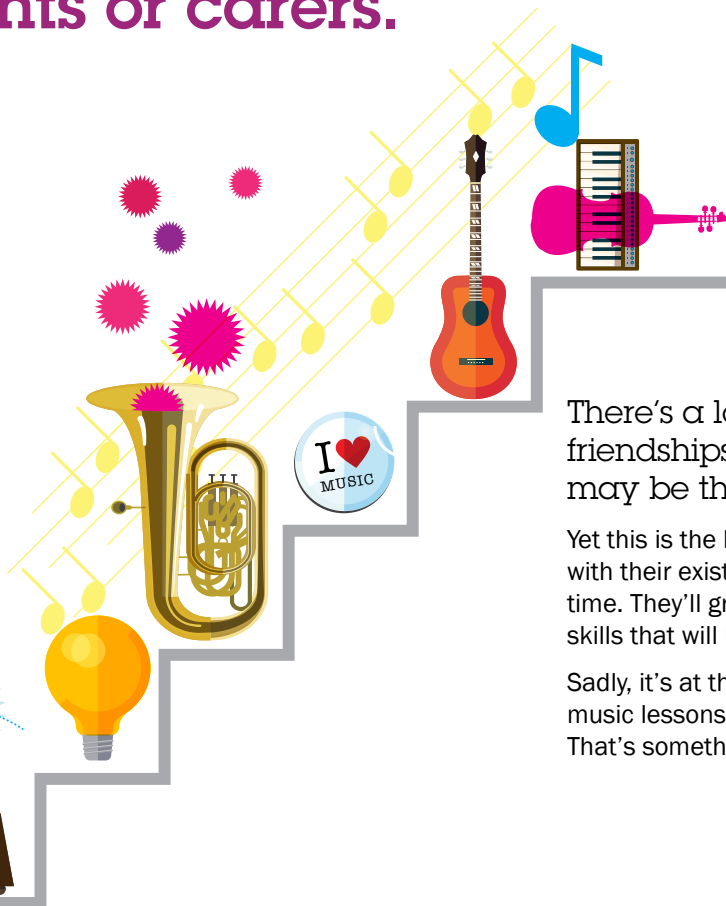

Your pupils and music at transition

Moving from primary to secondary school is a new adventure for your pupils and their parents or carers.



There's a lot to think about: from uniform, to friendships, to new routines. Music lessons may be the last thing on their minds.

Yet this is the best time for young people to either continue with their existing music lessons or take them up for the first time. They'll grow in confidence and develop important life skills that will help them settle in.

Sadly, it's at this stage that some young people drop out of music lessons – and once they do, they may never return. That's something they may regret for a lifetime.



Four ways to make sure your students don't stop making music



- 1** Send an initial contact email to the head of music or performing arts at your local secondary school

Include a list of year 6 students who have music lessons and what level they've reached, as well as an overview of what sort of curriculum music all pupils have experienced.

- 3** Encourage parents or carers to look out for information about music lessons and groups in their secondary school induction pack, during parents evenings or open days, etc

- 2** Talk to them about what else you can do, together, to make sure pupils don't drop out of music

- 4** Let parents or carers know about subsidies for lessons and instrument hire

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