

# South Derbyshire Music Centre

## Results of the Pupil Questionnaire – 2018

We recently invited children and young people from our Music Centre to complete a questionnaire to obtain their views about the centre. Approximately 98% of members took part in this survey, and the results are summarised below. They have provided us with some useful information which will help our future planning.

- Q1: *I enjoy being a member of the music centre***  
99% of all responses agreed with this statement; (64% strongly agreed).
- Q2: *I am taught well in my ensemble***  
99% of children and young people agreed with this statement; (55% strongly agreed)
- Q3: *My conductors expect me to work hard and to do my best***  
100% of all responses agreed with this statement; (62% strongly agreed).
- Q4: *I usually enjoy the music which we practise and perform***  
92% of all responses agreed with this statement; (33% strongly agreed).
- Q5: *During rehearsal, I'm able to get help if I need it when I don't understand the music.***  
98% of all responses agreed with this statement; (54% strongly agreed).
- Q6: *Members of the centre behave well***  
100% of all responses agreed with this statement; (41% strongly agreed).
- Q7: *There is an adult in the centre I can talk to if I have a problem***  
95% of all responses agreed with this statement; (58% strongly agreed).
- Q8: *The music centre is interested in the views of the players and singers***  
93% of all responses agreed with this statement; (45% strongly agreed).
- Q9: *I usually help clear away at the end of rehearsals***  
91% of all responses agreed with this statement; (35% strongly agree)
- Q10: *I feel safe in the centre and feel everyone is treated fairly***  
98% of all responses agreed with this statement; (65% strongly agree)
- Q11: *The music centre is well-run***  
100% of all responses agreed with this statement; (74% strongly agree)
- Q12: *I read any emails which are sent home about SDMC, or a parent reads them to me.***  
72% of all responses agreed with this statement; (24% strongly agree)

We try to keep you informed about what's happening.

The following ways were ranked in order of preference:

**1 Emails   2 Instagram   3 SDMC Website   4 Facebook   5 Music Hub Website   6 Snapchat**

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## **Q13: What do you like most about coming to music centre?**

Typical of the comments were variations on the following:

- *Nice, friendly and supportive adults; make people feel involved*
- *Teachers are always helping everyone*
- *Good at congratulating and encouraging*
- *All the helpers, staff and parents respect us*
- *I can get better at playing my instrument*
- *It's good hearing all the parts come together*
- *Music is challenging*
- *Like the warm-ups*
- *Friendly people and everyone gets along*
- *Can interact with people from other schools*
- *Treated like a big family*
- *Fun place to learn*
- *Enjoy the breaks*

## **Q14: Do you have any suggestions for improvement in the music centre?**

Many surveys were either left blank or just stated 'No'. **Every single comment** will be made available to the Ensemble Directors, Parent-Helpers and Trustees, and where appropriate, improvements will be made.

Of the suggestions received, the following are typical:

- *Students should vote on the music*
- *More joint band projects*
- *More separated group work (sectionals)*
- *More chances for other people to be soloists*
- *Make sure players are better placed according to their ability*

## **Results of the Parent Questionnaire – 2018**

### **Q1: I feel I can go into Music Centre at any time because I get such a nice welcome.**

62 responses: 32 Strongly agree; 29 Agree

### **Q2: I really feel they know my child as an individual**

62 responses: 20 Strongly agree; 36 Agree; 6 Disagree

### **Q3: I feel that we are normally given sufficient notice for Centre activities and events**

62 responses: 15 Strongly agree; 43 Agree; 4 Disagree

### **Q4: Music Centre staff are approachable and sympathetic**

62 responses: 30 Strongly agree; 30 Agree; 2 Disagree

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**Q5: Teachers expect good behaviour**

62 responses: 29 Strongly Agree; 32 Agree; 1 Disagrees

**Q6: I read the emails from Music Centre, and encourage my child to take note of what they say**

62 responses: 20 Strongly Agree; 40 Agree; 2 Disagree

**Q7: If you had the following options of how to pay your child's fees, which would be your preference?**

Pay on line 53.8%

Contactless / By Card 20.5%

Pay by cash or cheque 19.2%

Standing Order 6.4%

**Q8: Are you registered on the Giving Machine (so that SDMC can benefit)?**

Yes – 15% No – 47%

**Q9: If you are able to use Gift aid to support SDMC when paying membership fees, have you signed up?**

Yes – 53% No – 25.8% No (but would like to) – 21%

**Q10: In trying to keep you informed of SDMC activities, which best meets your needs?**

Twitter – 28.5% Music Hub Website – 27.1% Facebook – 18.6%

SDMC Website – 17.2% Emails – 8.6%

**Q11: Additional comments: What do you particularly like about music centre?**

Some examples of responses include:-

+ Very inspiring for my child & they enjoy it, which is most important. Good range of instruments for orchestra, range of music played & regular concerts. Excellent standard.

+ My child really enjoys Music Centre and has made lots of friends

+ The community way of getting the children to play music.

+ Opportunity for children to play challenging music. Also to take external music exams and achieve grades.

+ The children in the early stages of playing instruments are supported by experienced players in their groups, making playing with others for the first time less intimidating.

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**Q12: Do you have any suggestions for improvement in the Centre?**

*Some examples of responses:*

+ *Parent/carer viewing area*

+ *Push all children and give them every opportunity to progress through the bands and play at the highest level they can. This would mean there would be less need for adults to play in the bands.*

***Once again, please remember that ALL comments will be shared with Ensemble Directors, Parent-Helpers and Trustees, and where appropriate, improvements will be made.***

***FINALLY AND IMPORTANTLY:***

***You are very welcome to discuss ANY issue with Philip King (Head of Centre) and / or Simon Thomas (Chairman SDMC) at any time.***