

**Education and Skills Commissioning**  
Children and Young People's Service

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Re: Every Child programme in Newham

I am writing to inform you that, following a public consultation during December 2018 and January 2019, the council has decided to cease the Every Child programme in its current form from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. This includes ending the gifting of musical instruments to children as part of the Every Child a Musician programme.

The Mayor's aspiration is that each young person should have the opportunity to discover and develop their individual talents, to achieve excellence and to have fun doing so. The decision has been taken to cease the Every Child programme as it does not sufficiently meet these aims and does not represent value for money.

The new programme will start during the 2019/20 academic year, with funding of up to 50% of current levels. The focus will be on enhancing schools' current enrichment programmes, including:

- Delivering a range of personal / social developmental, creative and cultural and activities, including music.
- Giving schools flexibility of choosing from a menu of activities in line with the needs and desires of their pupils.

We are currently engaging with young people, schools and specialist professionals on the design of the new provision and we will update you when plans for the new programme are confirmed.

Of course, all primary schools will continue to deliver music lessons as part of the curriculum and the new Enrichment programme will support schools in providing the best possible music offer.

Should you need any further information, please liaise with your child's / children's school directly.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Reynolds". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Terry Reynolds**  
**Director of Education and Skills Commissioning**