



Hello to all of our talented instrumentalists,

I can't even begin to tell you how much I miss us all making music together...I even miss trying to get you all to be quiet enough for me to be able to tune up 35 violins, violas and a cello on a Friday lunchtime!

I know that it can be difficult to stay motivated and to keep on practising our instruments when we aren't working towards concerts, performances or rehearsing together. I just want to give you a few words of encouragement to keep on playing and practising as much as you can, ready for the day when we can fill school with our music again.

I would like to set you a challenge, to keep you playing and to make sure you continue to develop the special skills needed to be able to play along with other people. I would like you to take a look at the Music Partnership North website: [www.musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk](http://www.musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk). You can then follow a link to download a piece of music for you to learn and, if you want to, play along with the Music Partnership North musicians. The resources are all part of the Local Heroes music project. You can choose from **Local Heroes Folk** to learn to play 'The Keel Row', **Local Heroes Pop** to learn to play 'Final Count Down' or **Local Heroes Classical**, to learn to play 'Ode to Joy'. You may even feel brave enough to ask a parent or carer to record you, following the guidance on the website.

I will do it too and would really love to hear how you get on!

Lots of love to you all,

Mrs Hague.