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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year Four String Scheme

I am delighted to be writing to you with details of the Year Four String Scheme in which your child will be taking part from September.

The String Scheme is a partnership between your school, The Royal Grammar School, Guildford and our sponsors. Over the course of the year, your child will be invited to concerts and events free of charge, all of which contribute to their musical learning. I hope that you will feel able to support these.

Instruments: We need to decide which instrument your child is going to learn. After half term, the current Year Four string tutors will visit your son/daughter at school and assess which size of instrument suits them. Then, for the start of next term, we will have all the instruments and equipment ready for them to take home.

Guidance: As with most choices these days, it is not entirely a free choice.... There can only be a fixed number of 'cellists in the year group, and we have a fixed number of violins and cellos of different sizes. We do, however, try to give the pupils their first choice if possible. The experience of previous years has shown that, if your child cycles to school or you walk a long way, it might be better to encourage them to choose the violin. On the other hand, 'cellists often do well musically.

Permissions: *When we organise the String Scheme Concerts, we also film them. This film is often shown at your child's school and then sent to our sponsors. Some parents choose not to allow their child to be filmed, and our goal is to ensure that all children who have not given consent are positioned out of the camera's view. We appreciate this may feel uncomfortable for some children, however it allows them to still participate in the event. We would prefer that all children could be included in the concert and perform in their usual positions.*

Photographs, where taken, may be used to promote the RGS String Scheme. Occasionally, we would like to use these photographs in our RGS school magazine and shared with your child's school, and our sponsors may include them in their company newsletters to show how their funding is being utilised. We do not use social media for promotion.

We kindly request that all current Year 3 parents submit the following form before the end of the summer term for consent or non-consent. Your input is invaluable to us, and you can easily access the form by clicking the link below:

[Permission to Film or Photograph Form](#)

For further information, please do email my assistant: gmw@rgsg.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of Strings at RGS