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Shetland Islands Council submission of 9 October 2018.

Please see below for the numbers of pupils taking and dropping Instrumental tuition over the past two years.

The drop-out rate of children having instrumental music tuition in the past two years?

We are aware that the number of pupils dropping out has risen.

The projected drop-out rate for this year if charges for instrumental music tuition continue to increase as they have done in recent years?

- 16-17 557 children 107 gave up 19%
- 17-18 552 children 161 gave up 29%

Is there a particular reason that instrumental music tuition is not being regarded by education departments as a core subject?

This is partly to do with cost and also for a range of other reasons. I understand charging was introduced to help meet the cost of Instrumental Instruction against a back drop of cuts.