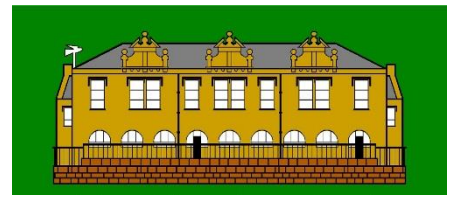




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Calling all Luddendenfoot singers and families!

Re: Luddendenfoot Academy Lockdown Singing collaboration Choir

I hope this letter finds you all well. Whilst we are all apart and we are struggling to sing in school I would like to bring us all singing together with a collaborative singing project. I am going to make a video of us all singing a chosen song 'together'. This is open to **all** children and their families - siblings and parent contributions most welcome!!

Here is what you need to do to join in: <https://youtu.be/54XUt5EmmR0>

Follow the above link for an instructional video from me on how to learn the song and record your contribution. Listen to the full track to familiarise yourself with it (there is a track for pupils in Reception to Year 4 and a track for Years 5&6). All the resources are attached to help you learn the song- lyrics, music for those who wish to read it, singing tracks and backing tracks.

When you are fully rehearsed and familiar in singing the song you need to record yourself singing all (or just the chorus if the whole thing is too much to learn for your child/timetable!). You can do this using mobile phones, tablets or a laptop. You will need one device to play the music on through headphones and another device to record/video yourself on.

You will need to sing along to the guide vocal track or the backing track so your timing and pitch matches everyone else. You can do this by using headphones to play the guide vocal track or backing track so that all I can hear on the video or recording is your voice/voices (this will seem a bit weird but don't worry I will be putting the backing track back in on the video when I edit it). Some performers find it easier if you put one headphone in your ear and keep the other one out so you can hear both yourself singing and the track in one ear. You can record all of the song or just the chorus and I'll edit it to put in the video. I may use some of your contributions as solo parts so let me know if you don't want to feature as a soloist in the video!

To make the recording even better (or if you are feeling shy and don't want to be in the video) you can also record and send me just the audio track. If you have an iPhone/iPad you can use the voice memo app or if you have an android phone look for an app called 'recorder', 'voice recorder', 'memo or 'notes'. Follow the same process so I can only hear your voice on the track.



Step by step instructions to make your recording.

1. Find a quiet space and warm up your singing voice.
2. Set up your laptop/mobile/tablet camera in a position to record yourself.
3. Use another laptop/mobile/tablet with headphones to play the song track through
4. Press record on the video camera first – don't worry I can chop off any bits of video that are extra.
5. Get yourself ready to sing and press play on the song track – off you go!
6. Save your file and call it '*your first name and year group you gotta be*' (e.g. 'Elizayear4yougottabe')
7. Repeat the process using the voice recorder to record an audio file of your voice this will help me make a higher quality recording. (If you have another device at your disposal you can record the video and audio separately in one take but I appreciate you might not have so many devices available.)

Please email your video and audio files directly to me at suzannepearcemusic@gmail.com by **Wednesday 3rd March**. Our school website is not the best at hosting video files so the completed video will be uploaded to a sharing website such as YouTube. If you submit a video to me you are giving me consent for your child to be on this video in the public domain. I will not be putting any children's names on the video but please check you are happy that there is nothing on the video you do not wish to share (e.g. photos in the background or clothing with names on etc).

If you have any questions or need any help please contact me on the email address above and I'll try help as best I can. I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing your contributions. Happy singing – it's good for the soul!

Kind regards,

Sue Pearce
Choir Leader