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Dear Neil,

I am writing to confirm that the Department for Education has contracted an independent evaluator – the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) – to conduct an independent evaluation of the impact of the Music Opportunities Pilot which is being delivered by Young Sounds UK through the Young Sounds Connect programme.

To support the evaluation, we require Young Sounds UK to collect management information data, progress data and contact information for each individual participating in the programme. As part of the data collection request, the Department expects Young Sounds UK to work with providers to collect Unique Pupil Numbers (UPNs), as this will enable the DfE to match pupils on the programme to the data held on the National Pupil Database. This information will supplement the other evaluation work and aggregated results may be shared with the independent evaluator.

A separate document which sets out each specific data request from the Department has been shared with Young Sounds and the information contained within that document should be incorporated into any documents used by Young Sounds UK to collect data from delivery partners and others.

Yours sincerely,

Stefano Pozzi, Assistant Director of arts, music and humanities education