



**Barrs Court Special School
Barrs Court Road
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Re: Service provided by Mr Mark Loughman of The Music Pool, Hereford

It has been my absolute pleasure to call upon the innovative musical talents of Mr Loughman for a number of years via The Music Pool. Although I have trialed the use of many other musicians from other organisations, there has never been a music tutor to equal the service provided by Mr Loughman.

This school caters for children and young people aged 11-19 years, all of whom have learning disabilities and many of whom have additional disabilities and health related difficulties that demand personalised approaches to facilitate their learning. Mr Loughman has an innate appreciation of these complex needs and is able to adapt his approach to suit the individual pupils he is working with. Mr Loughman uses high and low technology in his approaches to ensure that all types of learners can participate in a meaningful musical experience. I have never known him be anything less than 100% positive about his work and this enthusiasm inspires both my pupils and my staff.

Mr Loughman is so popular with my pupils that he is often commissioned outside of contractual arrangements to appear as a special guest at school events such as our end of school year “prom” and “X Factor” and it takes a special sort of person for my pupils to demonstrate such strong respect towards. Mr Loughman has just concluded this year’s series of music workshops and I am currently negotiating his input for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 academic years to ensure that we are able to secure his services as his popularity with other schools and providers gains pace.

Richard Aird
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& Chairman of Herefordshire Learning Disability Trust

