

Wednesday 20th June 2018

Dear Parents,

Musical Instrument Tuition 2018 / 2019

I am delighted to advise that we will be offering the following instrumental tuition in school in 2018/2019 and continuing students and new starters are invited to join the programme:

| Instrument | Year groups available |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Keyboard/Piano | Y2 - 6 |
| Guitar | Y2 - 6 |
| Recorder | Y2 - 6 |
| Violin | Y2 - 6 |
| Viola | Y3 - 6 |
| Cello | Y3 - 6 |
| Singing | Y3 - 6 |
| Flute | Y3 - 6 |
| Clarinet | Y3 - 6 |

All lessons will be charged at a flat rate of £7.75 per instrument and depending on the abilities of children requesting lessons and the type of instrument, this will either be a one to one lesson for 20 minutes or a 30 minute session with a maximum of two children. This will be entirely at the discretion of the tutors to ensure maximum benefit for the children and practicality for the tutor.

Music tuition fees should be paid termly in advance through Parent Pay – please find below the termly costs and payment dates for the coming academic year:

Autumn Term 2018 - Cost £85.25 for 11 lessons

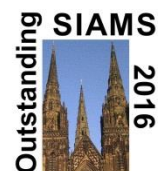
Payment required no later than 7th September 2018

Deadline for notice to cancel / start Spring Term lessons – 1st December 2018

Spring Term 2019 Cost £85.25 for 11 lessons

Payment required no later than 7th January 2019

Deadline for notice to cancel / start Summer Term lessons – 18th March 2019



Summer Term 2019 Cost £69.75 for 9 lessons
Payment required no later than 29th April 2019

Once enrolled on the programme, your child's participation is guaranteed for the remainder of the academic year and termly fees are payable unless notice of cancellation is submitted to the school office by the dates stated above. As children can often change their minds, this approach allows for opting in and out on a termly basis.

The school engages the services of self-employed music tutors and your co-operation with the stated deadlines is vital in preparing timetables and ensuring the tutor's continued availability.

Children will also need their own instrument to have lessons. Obviously, if requesting keyboard lessons, children will not be expected to bring theirs into school but will need one at home to practise on – please speak to Mrs Prince or Mrs Holdcroft if you need any advice on purchasing a suitable instrument.

If not having an instrument is the only issue preventing your child from taking up lessons, please do have a word with me.

If you are unsure about whether to encourage your child to take up an instrument you will be interested to note that there is much respected research that links higher educational attainment and personal wellbeing with the study of music. The sense of personal satisfaction and achievement for a child when mastering their first real piece of music is very special indeed and raises self-esteem. The commitment to practise and overcome difficulties when at first you don't succeed are also great lessons for life.

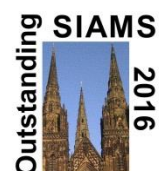
Please find attached a booking and commitment form which needs to be completed and returned to school if your child wishes to join the tuition programme. It is most important the forms are returned by the specified date so that the final arrangements for tutors can be made.

If you have further questions then please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Prince.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs L Toach
Associate Headteacher



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Child's Name..... Year

I would like my child to receive music lessons on the following instrument(s):

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piano/Keyboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar | <input type="checkbox"/> Violin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Viola* | <input type="checkbox"/> Cello* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flute* | <input type="checkbox"/> Clarinet* | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing* |

(* For pupils in Years 3 to 6 only)

I understand that:

- Termly tuition fees for each instrument must be paid for in advance and in full by the due dates advised. Non-payment will result in lessons being withdrawn.
- Should the tutor be unable to deliver the stated number of lessons in a term, missed lessons will either be made up in the following term or a refund of £7.75 for each missed session made at the end of the term. Refunds will not be applicable for sessions missed through pupil absence when the tutor has been available in school to teach.
- I am committing to lessons on a termly basis only and will give the school notice to cancel by the date advised should my child not wish to continue in the following term. I understand refunds will not be applicable should my child decide to give up their learning within a term.

Signed.....Parent/Guardian Date.....

For pupils who are playing an instrument at a more advanced level there is, in consultation with your child's music teacher, an option for your child to have a half hour, individual lesson at a cost of £11.60 per week.

Autumn Term 18 £127.60
Spring Term 19 £127.60
Summer Term 19 £104.40

Please indicate here if you would like to take this option forward.

Please return this form to the School Office by **6th July** at the latest.

