

7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to a new, and very different musical year! However, you'll be pleased to know we are still able to offer instrumental lessons. They will, inevitably, look different from lessons in the past, but we hope we have come up with the best way to undertake them in the present climate.

The first thing to note is that unfortunately for now, all wind lessons will have to be done online in the evenings. This includes all brass and woodwind lessons. Under the current guidance we are unable to have children playing wind instruments in school. This will change as soon as possible, but it is unlikely to be changed before half term. For those pupils who are learning these instruments, there will be separate timetabling information which they will be given by the individual teacher.

For lessons in school, the lessons will be on a rota as normal, where pupils come out of curriculum lessons and go to the practice rooms. They will be taught in their bubbles, with no more than two pupils per 30 minute lesson. Where an instrumental teacher feels it is appropriate, they may choose to teach one pupil at a time, but this will be for just 15 minutes. The price of this will remain the same, as they will have one-to-one teaching, as opposed to shared teaching. All pupils will also be asked to wear masks whilst in instrumental lessons. This is due to the fact that the rooms are considerably smaller than other teaching rooms in the school. There is adequate ventilation, however as a further protection for the visiting teachers, we felt this was the appropriate move to make. We hope you will support us with this.

There are further details that those who choose to take instrument lessons will need to be aware of, and agreeing to them will make up part of the parent/pupil agreement that we will be asking you to sign prior to lessons starting.

However, most excitingly, we have spaces on all instruments! Your child can also hire certain instruments if they do not have their own. The instruments are:

Woodwind - Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone (Mrs Curtis)  
Brass – Trumpet, Euphonium, potentially Tenor Horn (Mr Gibson)  
Strings – Violin (Mr Kirby), Guitar (Mr Onions)  
Keys – Piano, Keyboard (Mr Kirby)  
Percussion – Drums (Mr Jarvis)



A block of ten lessons (we teach ten lessons per term) is charged at £67.50. This is paid directly to the instrumental teacher, either by cheque, or electronically.

Should you need to hire an instrument, the costs are per term and are as follows:

Violin - £10; Trumpet, Flute, Clarinet, Tenor Horn, Euphonium - £15; Saxophone - £25

We do not loan out guitars, keyboards or drums.

Lessons will start week beginning 21st September.

We would normally have a large meeting in the hall where you would meet up with the instrumental teachers. However as this is not currently possible, all information, including information about the teachers themselves will be put on to the website.

If you would like to sign your child up for lessons, or would like further information, please email me directly (see below) with the title MUSIC INSTRUMENT LESSONS, and the following information:

Name of child  
Tutor Group  
Instrument interested in  
Any previous experience?  
Do they have their own instrument?

Many thanks

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