



Whitchurch Church of England Primary School

15th April 2024

Dear Parents

I am preparing peripatetic music lessons from Hampshire Music Service for September 2024. To do this, I need to determine the number of pupils that are signing up to **start** to learn to play a musical instrument or would like to **continue their lessons**. I will request to book enough hours of teaching to accommodate all those who wish to learn.

Dedication and motivation are basic requirements in order to learn an instrument and **daily practice** is necessary in order to make progress.

Your financial commitment will be for a full year, as the school have to commit to the service and pay for the whole year too, therefore it is very important that considerable thought is given to the decision. Normally all requests can be accommodated, so by signing the form today you have committed to paying for the year.

Lessons are taught by qualified peripatetic teachers and usually take place during the school day, or at lunchtime. Children are taught in small groups and lessons last between 20 and 30 minutes, dependent on instrument and group size. There will also be the option for individual tuition. Children will receive a minimum of ten lessons per term.

There has been a small increase in prices this year, so from September 2024 group lessons (20 – 30 minutes) will cost **£100.00 per term** and individual lessons (15 – 20 minutes) **£140.00 per term**. Payment is due, in advance, at the beginning of each term and **your commitment is for a whole year** i.e. £300.00 for group lessons or £420.00 for individual lessons.

We are required to book by 5th May. After this deadline, it is not always possible to make changes to the timetable, therefore late replies may not be able to be accommodated. It is often not possible for children to be added into lessons after September as groups have moved on and made progress and beginners cannot then be added into a group. **Applications will not be accepted for September 2024 if you still have any outstanding instrumental tuition fees for the 2023/24 academic year, as at 31st May 2024.**

We don't normally receive our timetable from HMS until August, therefore no lessons will be able to be confirmed until September. The receipt of the following form will mean that we have requested a lesson for your child.

Please complete the form attached and return the form (or your request in the body of an email if you are unable to amend the form) to replies@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk by Friday 26th April. We also need the form if your child would like to **stop** lessons please.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Spencer (Music Lead)



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2024

Please return the form to replies@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk by Friday 26th April (if you are unable to amend the form, please just email your request)

Child's name:

My child would like to start lessons:

Next academic year my child will be in Year 3 4 5 6 (please circle)

	Choice of instrument	Group tuition (£94.00 per term)	Individual tuition (£134.00 per term)
Woodwind			
Brass			
Guitar			
Violin			
Keyboard			
Drumming			

My child ***would like to continue with lessons / *would like to stop lessons** (*please delete as applicable):

Next academic year my child will be in Year 3 4 5 6 (please circle)

	Choice of instrument	Group tuition (£94.00 per term)	Individual tuition (£134.00 per term)
Woodwind			
Brass			
Guitar			
Violin			
Keyboard			
Drumming			

I understand that by signing this form I am making a commitment to pay for instrumental lessons for a minimum of three terms (£282.00 group lessons/£402.00 individual lessons). As school pays for all lessons in advance, you will still need to pay if you then change your mind. Please consider this.

I understand that my application for lessons will not be accepted if I have any outstanding instrumental tuition fees as at 31st May 2024.

I understand I will need to provide an instrument for my child, either purchasing or hiring. The peripatetic teacher will inform which size instrument is needed when they first assess the children. Hampshire Music Service hire out instruments. Detail can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hampshireremusic/instrumenthire>

Signed: (parent/carer)

Date: