

MUSIC LESSONS – BOOKING FORM 2017 / 2018

Friday 19 May 2017

Dear Parent,

We are now booking our peripatetic staff for music lessons next academic year. If you would like your child to start music lessons, **or continue their existing lessons**, we need to book your child's place for next academic year. Many of our students take advantage of extra peripatetic music tuition in school, and enjoy the social and educational benefits this brings. We are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of instrumental tuition and hope your child will take advantage of this provision in school.

Specialist music tuition is delivered on a weekly basis during the school day and will be delivered in groups of no more than two students. Group sizes are kept small to allow each child to gain as much as possible from their lessons. As students progress, they may be moved into different groupings according to their needs.

Music lessons are payable in advance at a cost of **£39.00 per short term**. **The yearly cost for lessons will be split into 6 payments of £39.00 payable termly in advance**. Payment for all lessons will be due at the start of each term, and lessons will not be delivered if payment is outstanding. All students will receive 35 lessons over the academic year including six group workshop sessions. In addition children will receive additional practice time leading up to concerts and events, and support from their music teacher at public performances. **If your child wishes to book lessons to start in September 2017, the attached form needs to be returned to the school office by Monday 5th June. No payment will be due until September.**

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium and is interested in having music lessons, there may be an opportunity for these lessons to be funded through school. Please contact Mr McCullough for further information.

We have a huge demand for places, and we have to secure our teachers for the academic year. For this reason, lessons will be chargeable for a full term, or minimum of a 12 week period. If for any reason your child wishes to stop their lessons, we ask that parents give at least 4 weeks' notice before the end of a term so we can offer the place to another child. We usually have a waiting list for lessons, and children rarely ask to stop their lessons.

As we have to pay staff for all lessons, lessons will not be refunded for pupil absence due to holidays, illness or injury. If a student misses a lesson due to activities at school, we will endeavour to make up any lost lesson time over the term. All staff keep up to date registers to ensure that children receive their lesson allocation over the academic year. Children's lessons will run weekly, and it will be the child's responsibility to attend that lesson. Teachers will have a copy of the music timetable in the classroom and music staff will collect children in KS1 if necessary. We always write our music timetables following discussions with the class teacher to ensure that disruption to curriculum time is minimal.

To give children an opportunity to play as part of an ensemble group, staff will deliver up to six music workshop sessions over the academic year in place of individual lessons. These sessions are often run in preparation for concerts to give children the opportunity to rehearse with other students to prepare for their public performance.

We are able to offer tuition on a wide range of instruments and always try and fulfil all requests for places.

The instruments we can currently offer are:

Electric Guitar

Acoustic Guitar

Bass Guitar

Ukulele

Piano

Vocals – Please note these lessons are taught using age appropriate vocal training techniques with attention to the physical constraints of teaching younger students.

Violin – Only available to students from Y2 – Y6.

Please note children do not need to have their own instrument in order to participate in the music lesson programme. Loan instruments are available for violin and guitar lessons at no additional charge.

As lessons are very popular, all lessons will be offered on a first come first served basis. Please return all requests for tuition by **Monday 5th June. Please note that existing students and those in receipt of pupil premium funding will still need to complete the lesson booking form.**

If you have any questions regarding lessons please do not hesitate to e- mail me at sarah.young@deeping-st-james.lincs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Young
Director of Music

MUSIC LESSONS PARENT AGREEMENT

If you wish your child to take music lessons for the academic year 2017 / 2018 please read and sign the following agreement.

- Music lessons will take place weekly, and be delivered for 35 weeks during the year.
- In addition to the 35 teaching weeks, music teachers will attend public performances throughout the year to support their students.
- Lessons will be taught by specialist music teachers.
- Music teachers will record student's attendance and progress in a music record booklet. This should be read and signed by parents / carers.
- Students will be involved in six ensemble music sessions in the academic year. These will take the place of usual music lessons.
- Lessons will not be refunded due to pupil absence due to holidays, illness or injury.
- It is the student's responsibility to attend their lessons each week.
- Lessons are booked for an academic year, and parents will be liable for all lesson costs per 12 week term.
- Payment for each term should be made within 10 days of the start of each term.
- If you wish to cancel lessons, 4 weeks' notice must be given before the end of the term.
- In order to reach their full potential, students will be encouraged to practice weekly and parents should complete their home practice record.
- Instruments will be provided for all lessons to be used in school.
- Students will have the opportunity to participate in a music rewards scheme in school.
- Formal examinations can be sat when appropriate and with the permission of parents. (There is an additional cost if students wish to sit formal examinations). These are not compulsory.
- Payment is to be made via parent mail as electronic payment.
- Fees will be due on September 4th 2017 and at the start of every term thereafter.
- All students taking lessons will be invited to perform in a concert during the year.

If you are happy with the above terms and conditions, please sign and return this form to the school office.

I would like my son/daughter to take peripatetic music lessons in school.

Name of child

Year group in September 17 School

Chosen instrument / instruments

I agree to the terms and conditions set out above

(Signed Parent / Carer) Contact number.....

