

Instrumental Tuition – A Guide for Parents

We believe that learning to play a musical instrument offers a child a great deal more than music skills.

*It builds **self-discipline** through practice,
develops social skills through ensemble playing and
improves a child's performance in other areas of the curriculum.*

*Above all, it is a means by which students can grow in skill and confidence into
imaginative, fulfilled and well rounded adults.*

Any pupil from Primary 4 and above can instrumental tuition. When pupils express an interest in playing an instrument, they will complete simple ear tests and will be advised by the music tutors if their musical aptitude, physical characteristics and previous experience would suit their instrument of choice.

We offer a wide range of instruments. Some lessons are provided from Peripatetic Teachers from the Education Authority and others are provided by private teachers.

Please read through the documentation carefully and note that prices may vary.

We may give preference to those who are interested in learning a string instrument

Peripatetic Lessons – String, Woodwind and Brass Instruments

Range of Instruments

Violin, Viola, Cello

Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn

Lesson Provision

Lessons take place during the school day. Individual lessons are 15 minutes long; group lessons are 20 minutes long. Most lessons are provided on a group tuition basis where pupils of a similar standard are taught in groups of up to four.

Charges

The annual bill for music lessons is £155. This should be paid in full to the school office by **Friday 20th September**. No refunds for missed lessons or giving up throughout the year. The school subsidises the cost of lessons.

Instrument rental – the Education Authority hire musical instruments to pupils for the year. The music tutor will arrange this with you and your child.

Sylvia Burnside – Piano and Singing Lessons

<http://www.sylviaburnside.co.uk/>

Range of Instruments

Beginner Piano

Voice

Lesson Provision

Lessons take place during the school day. All lessons are 15 minutes' long

- Piano lessons are only suitable for beginners who would like to gain some knowledge and theory before continuing onto grade exams. Once pupils would reach exam standard they would be required to move on to a teacher to help them progress through the exam grades.
- Singing - pupils will progress through ABRSM exams

Charges

All payments should be given to Sylvia Burnside and not to the school office.

Term 1 (8 weeks of lessons) is £56

Instrument

If your child is receiving piano tuition they need to have a piano or keyboard at home to practice. Sylvia would recommend a Yamaha P45 or P115

Musicrooms – Drum & Guitar Tuition

Range of Instruments

Guitar

Drums

Lesson Provision

Lessons take place during the school day. All lessons are 15 minutes' long and most lessons are provided on a group tuition basis where pupils of a similar standard are taught in groups of up to four.

Charges

Musicrooms will be in contact with parents regarding cost for lessons and payment

Instruments

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Practice

In learning to play all musical instruments it is important to understand that tuition alone will not lead to success. In addition to daily practice, it is important that instrumentalists take part in ensemble playing. For most musicians this is the most rewarding part of learning music. All pupils having instrument lessons in school are expected to attend orchestra, once they have gained their basic skills. This is usually achieved after the first year of tuition.

Daily practice is a crucial part of learning to play an instrument. Practice needs to be thorough and focused on what the teacher has identified.

The benefits of learning to play a musical instrument are endless. Please consider this carefully with your child. If you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McCombe by email mmccombe005@c2kni.net

Please let me know by **Monday 17th June.**