

## Guidelines to Receiving Instrumental/Vocal Lessons

1. Please make sure that all instruments are insured as accidents can happen and the school is unable to accept any liability.
2. Please make sure that all instruments are named. Drummers should bring a pair of drumsticks to their lessons which should also be named.
3. Inevitably some children will miss part of their classroom lessons to receive tuition on a musical instrument although a suitable time is found through discussion with class teachers. Priority for lunchtime and playtime sessions go to Year 6 (as they have their entrance examinations) and any children who have learning support.
4. If your child is unavailable for their lesson because of a school trip or match, please inform the Director of Music at the earliest opportunity. Whilst we can give no guarantee that the lesson will not be forfeited, we will do our best to change the tuition timetable to accommodate.
5. Learning to play a musical instrument can be jolly good fun but it also requires hard work and a lot of practice! As ever, your support will be vital if your child is to enjoy it and experience success. A little reminder to do some practice every day will reap great rewards (sitting with your child whilst they practice is particularly beneficial when they are just starting out).
6. In due course, your child may take a music examination with their instrument. Should your child need to be accompanied by anybody other than their own teacher, there will be a charge of one hour's tuition fees to cover a practice session and attendance at the examination centre by the accompanist. If your child is accompanied by their own teacher, a fee equivalent to half an hour's tuition will be charged for attendance at the examination centre. Please note that parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from the examination venue.
7. Once your child has grasped the basics of the instrument and both their instrumental teacher and the Director of Music feel they are ready, they will be welcomed into (and expected to take part in) appropriate instrumental ensembles; children having singing lessons are expected to sing in the Choir and audition for Joyful Noise when appropriate.
8. **Fees:** Any increase in tuition fees will be given one term in advance.
9. **Giving notice to stop lessons:** Should your child wish to cease lessons, 10 lessons notice will be required. Please give notice in writing to the Director of Music, ideally copying in the Bursary at Prior Park.
10. If you have a query at any time, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or your child's teacher. We will be delighted to help in any way.

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