



Watford School of Music

I Play

Group lessons for beginner instrumentalists



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What Is I Play?

I Play is a course for children in Key Stage 2 wanting to start to play an instrument. Your child will learn as part of a class to play either a woodwind, brass, string or percussion instrument. The lessons will be every week for 45 minutes and the course will run for one term. Times will vary depending on the instrument. There will be 10 lessons in total and it is important for your child to attend regularly. We will supply instruments for the lessons each week and these will remain at the music school. If you wish to buy an instrument in order for your child to practise at home please do so. There will be lots of music making from the start. Your child will learn how to produce a sound, hold the instrument, play tunes, play as a group and follow a conductor. Musical notation is sometimes introduced.

Costs

You will be invoiced for the term and the full cost of the course is £50

How to help your child choose an instrument

Start by exploring different instruments and see which sound appeals to your child. The choice of instrument is very personal and the more your child likes it the more they will want to play it! Listen to instruments on the internet (<http://www.philharmonia.co.uk/explore/instruments>), radio and TV. Come to our concerts and attend our annual Open Day where you can meet our teachers. See our Calendar of Events on our Website for details.

Here are your instrument choices:

Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon

Brass: Trumpet, Trombone, Horn, Tenor Horn

Strings: Violin, Viola, 'Cello, Double Bass

Percussion: Orchestral, World Percussion, Kit

How to Enrol?

Bring your child along to the first session of an 'I Play' course and if your child likes it you can sign up for the course online at:

www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk

The first lesson will include how to produce a sound, how to hold the instrument and most importantly, playing a tune, even if it only uses one note! New 'I Play' courses are advertised on our website and information is also sent out to all local primary schools.

What happens at the end of the I Play course?

Your options after this are:

A. At the end of the course you may enrol for individual, shared or group lessons. Children can decide to buddy up with their new friends from the 'I Play' class at WSM in your chosen instrument. At this stage you will have to supply your own instrument. We will be able to advise you on instrument hiring and purchasing schemes.

Costs per term: Individual half hour £220
Individual 20 minute £148.50
Shared lessons half an hour £110

B. Enrol for a different 'I Play' course, so your child can have a taster playing another instrument.

C. Do nothing at all. We hope you have enjoyed the experience!