



Chorleywood Primary School

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Dear Parents,

At Chorleywood Primary School we are fortunate to be able to offer a range of music lessons. The following information should answer any questions that you may have.

What instruments may my child learn?

We offer guitar (through Rock and Pop Foundation), violin, flute, drumming (through Gareth Tyler Drums) and piano lessons. If your child is interested in learning any other instrument we may be able to make teaching arrangements with Hertfordshire Music Service. Please contact Mrs Jane O'Mahony in the School Office to discuss this.

Are there any age restrictions with any particular instrument?

The flute is usually appropriate for children aged 7 and older, partly, though not wholly, because children need to have 2 adult front teeth before starting lessons. However, the recorder offers a good introduction to wind instruments and is available to children from the beginning of Year 2 (age 6).

Who provides the lessons?

Lessons are provided by teachers from the Hertfordshire Music Service (except guitar), who visit school on a weekly basis during the school day. Please note that whilst the lessons will usually be timetabled on the same day each week, this cannot be guaranteed due to the busy life of the school and other circumstances beyond the control of the instrumental teachers.

What is the format of the lessons?

The structure of the music lessons will depend on parent preference, the number of children applying, and musical standard of the children. Lessons are either:

- Group (3 or 4 children)
- Shared (2 children) or
- Individual.

(Please note that it is only possible to provide individual piano lessons of 30 or 20 minute durations.)

33 lessons are taught throughout the school year and are invoiced at the start of each term in three blocks of 11 lessons.



What do lessons cost?

The current prices charged for 11 lessons are shown on the attached Application Form. Lessons missed through absence will still be charged unless the pupil is away on a trip organized by the school. The preferred method of payment is via *schoolcomms* (accessible via the link on the school website) following receipt of the termly invoice.

Hertfordshire County Council has a scheme for remitting fees in certain extenuating circumstances. You may contact them directly on 0300 123 4048.

Does my child need their own instrument?

Children will need to have their own instrument in order to take part in lessons. Chorleywood Primary School does however have violins that are available to hire from the school at a cost of £10.00 per term. Woodwind instruments may be hired or purchased from local music shops. Hertfordshire Music Service also has a purchase/rental scheme and they can be contacted directly on 01727 860941 ext 204 for you to discuss your requirements with them. Please note that children learning the piano will be required to have a piano or keyboard available to them at home. In this case the piano teacher will be happy to provide advice and guidance before purchase if appropriate.

What commitment are we making?

It is important to remember that you and your child are undertaking a commitment which extends beyond the weekly lesson and involves the need for regular practise at home.

Parents also need to be aware that the Music Service is provided by Hertfordshire Education Authority. The contract that parents enter into is with the Music Service and not the school. Under the terms of the contract, at least half a terms notice is required if you wish to cancel the agreement. Failure to give sufficient notice means that parents are liable to pay the full terms fees whether or not your child continues with the lessons.

How do I arrange Drumming Lessons?

Drumming lessons are provided in school by a Gareth Tyler, who runs Gareth Tyler Drums. A separate information sheet is available from the School Office. This Company is not part of Hertfordshire Music Service so you will need to deal directly with them if you have any queries or questions. Gareth Tyler Drums issue their own invoices and payment will need to be made directly to them. Contact details are as follows: telephone - 07905 766913, website - www.garethtylerdrums.com.

How do I arrange Guitar Lessons?

Guitar lessons are provided in school by a Company called Rock and Pop Foundation. A separate information sheet is available from the School Office. This Company is not part of Hertfordshire Music Service so you will need to deal directly with them if you have any queries or questions. Rock and Pop will issue their own invoices and payment will need to be made directly to them. Contact details are as follows: telephone - 01252 368330, fax - 01252 336659, email - admin@rockandpopfoundation.com, website - www.rockandpopfoundation.com.

To use the online booking form, please use the following link: <http://www.rockandpopfoundation.com/#lenrol-here/mos3q>

If you would like your child to take part in Music Lessons provided by Hertfordshire Music Service please complete the attached form and return it to the school office via the classroom box.

If you require any additional information please contact the School Office.

Mrs Rebecca Roberts
Head Teacher