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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Peripatetic Music Lessons 2023/2024**

As we look forward to the new academic year, we are preparing for our next intake of peripatetic pupils. If you are looking to take part in lessons, please read the below information and complete the attached form. If your child has already taken part in lessons this year, please complete the form to show they wish to continue with their lessons.

We currently offer provision for drum kit, guitar (including bass guitar), piano, woodwind, brass, string and vocal tuition. We have a team of five highly dedicated and skilled specialist instrumental teachers who deliver the lessons.

Below is some information regarding how the lessons operate. Should you wish to proceed with lessons for the next academic year, please complete the attached online consent form as soon as possible.

### **How are lessons organised?**

These lessons run during school hours on a rotating timetable to ensure pupils do not miss the same lessons each week. Lessons are 25 minutes long meaning pupils will still attend half of their timetabled lesson. Pupils will be issued with a timetable each half term and it is their responsibility to turn up for lessons. Any lessons missed due to pupil absence, including illness, or pupils not turning up, will not be refunded.

### **Do I need my own instrument?**

The school will provide some instruments such as drum kits, guitars, bass guitars and keyboards for pupils to use during these lessons. However, woodwind and brass instruments would need to be provided by the pupil. These can be rented for a fee from the Cumbria Music Service, which school can assist with arranging.

### **What is the cost of lessons?**

The lessons will cost £7. These lessons will be small group lessons (no bigger than three pupils), with pupils of similar ability in each lesson. The total charge for the year will be £252 and is payable in a lump sum, or in the suggested instalments. A reminder message will be sent home when payment is due. The payment schedule for 2023/2024 is as follows:

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Half Term 1 – September to October Half Term – £42

Half Term 2 – October Half Term to Christmas – £49

Half Term 3 – January – February Half Term – £35

Half Term 4 – February Half Term – Easter – £42

Half Term 5 – June to May Half Term – £42

Half Term 6 – May Half Term to Summer – £49

It is perhaps worth noting that these prices favour considerably compared to seeking private tuition. There is a small amount of funding available for these lessons, please contact Miss Wilkinson if you would like more information on this. This is allocated on a case by case basis.

### How do I pay for the lessons?

Payment will be made via ParentPay at the beginning of each half term. Payment will be made available to you on ParentPay once we have received the below consent form. Both the consent form and payment are required before the lessons can begin. If you need log in details or have any queries regarding ParentPay please contact the finance office.

### What if I want to cancel the lessons?

If you wish to cancel lessons, we require four weeks' notice and confirmation of cancellation in writing.

### What if I am doing GCSE Music?

As instrumental skills are a required aspect of GCSE music, those in Year 10 who have opted to take GCSE music will receive instrumental lessons free of charge.

### How do I sign my child up for lessons?

If you wish to sign your child up for lessons, please complete the online form using the below QR code. Alternatively, you can use [this link](#) if you are viewing this letter on an electronic device.

#### Lesson Sign Up:



Yours sincerely

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