

Dear Parents & Carers

Instrumental Lessons – 2021 to 2022

Instrumental lessons will be offered for **Flute and Piano for years 3-6 and additionally Clarinet and Saxophone for years 5-6**. Depending on government guidelines for schools, we hope to be able to offer new starters group lessons of 2 to 3 children and piano lessons are offered on a one-to-one basis. If schools are continuing with class bubbles, then lessons will be offered on a one-to-one basis only.

Lessons are available for children who will be in years 3-6 from September 2021

Research has shown that listening to music or learning to play a musical instrument has many benefits, these include:

- Increased memory capacity
- Improved time management and organisation
- Teaches perseverance
- Improved mathematical ability
- Improved co-ordination
- Relieves stress – enhancing wellbeing

Group lessons cost £8.75 per 20 minute lesson. **Individual lessons** cost £15.50 per 20 minute lesson. There are 12 lessons in the autumn term; 10 in the spring term and 10 in the summer term.

A payment request letter will be sent out in September with more information on how and when to make payment.

The Music Educational Service guarantees to offer 32 sessions of tuition during the academic year. If your child is off sick, the sessions missed cannot be reimbursed or made up. Once you have agreed to your child undertaking music tuition, please note the commitment is for a full academic year.

Children will require their own instruments and music books which can be purchased at competitive prices. More information will follow in September.

We are keeping up to date with government guidance on the developing COVID-19 pandemic and remain flexible in our commitment to arranging lessons either in school or online during school closures.

If you would like to register your child to continue or take part in instrumental lessons, please can you send an email by **Friday 9th July 2021** to the-mes@outlook.com with the following information:

- Your child's name
- The school they attend
- The year group they will be entering in September
- The instrument you would like to learn: Please select a maximum of two instrument putting them in priority order of 1st and 2nd Choice (Clarinet; Flute; Saxophone; Voice; Piano)

Yours sincerely
Emma Brooks
Director