

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
KS2 SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL TUITION PACK
2016-2017

PLEASE RETURN THE CONTRACT BY

FRIDAY, 6th MAY 2016

**NO CONTRACTS WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER
THIS DATE DUE TO BOOKING THE TEACHERS.**

- **Instrumental Contract**

If you wish your child to enrol then these contracts must be returned promptly. Please make sure you have read all the enclosed details. A copy of this information is also available on the school website.

Please ensure that all monies are put into the money post box in the front reception by the school office. The preferred payment method is by cheque.

SIGN UP AND PAYMENT DETAILS

Sign up times: **Friday, 22nd April to Friday, 6th May 2016**

Contracts must be returned by: **Friday, 6th May** with a cheque for the relevant amount

Please presume your application has been agreed unless you are contacted by Mrs Turner.

Autumn Term Payment to be received	Friday, 6th May 2016
<u>The above payment(s) must be enclosed with the contract as otherwise the contract will not be valid</u>	
Spring Payment to be received by	Friday, 14th October 2016
Summer Term Payment to be received by	Friday, 3rd February 2017

Lessons will need to be paid upfront to provide our teachers with security.

If the above payment schedule presents issues, please contact the school to discuss.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION (SEPTEMBER 2016)

Instruments being taught:

- Clarinet – Years 3-6
- Flute – Years 3-6
- Saxophone – Years 4-6 – the price of saxophone will depend on the number of children learning.
- Guitar – acoustic or electric - Years 3-6
- Keyboard– Years 3-6
- Percussion – drum kit - Years 3-6
- Brass (trumpet, cornet, French horn, euphonium, trombone) Years 3-6 - the price of brass will depend on the number of children learning.
- Violin –Years 3-6

We would also like to offer any string players the opportunity to join **STRING CLUB** – a great experience to learn and play with other string players.

TUESDAY 3.15-4.15

£15 per term – 10 sessions a term



It is the school's aim to provide for any child wishing to learn a musical instrument the opportunity to do so. At times, particularly at the beginning of a year, there may be a demand for uptake of an instrument that cannot be accommodated. If this is the case, your child will be placed on a waiting list and you will be contacted as soon as a place becomes available. The signing, dating and returning of the enclosed Music Home-School Contract is your commitment to going ahead with lessons. This needs to be returned as soon as possible. You will be contacted by the school to confirm a place has been offered. Please wait for this confirmation before you organise the purchase or hire of an instrument.

THE PROMPT RETURNING OF THIS PAPERWORK WILL HELP IN SECURING YOUR CHILD'S PLACE.

This year, we are again asking that children commit to a year's worth of tuition. I strongly believe a significant amount of time is necessary to master the basics of any instrument and this means practice and some determination, but the rewards will be reaped!

We have a charging policy. The school 'buys in' its instrumental teaching hours from the Dorset Music Service and, if appropriate, employs teachers on a private basis. **The children will receive 30 lessons per year (approximately 10 per term) and the approximate cost this year will be £50.00 per term.** This price will be confirmed when we have finished discussions with the peripatetic teachers. The cost per child depends on the total amount of children learning. The lessons will be 30 minutes long.

Lessons generally happen in school time on a rotated timetable. This means that a child's lesson will always be on the same day but at a different time each week. However, where there are only a few children learning a particular instrument, and the timetable cannot be rotated, the lesson may need to happen during lunchtime, before or after school.

There will be no lessons in the first and last week of the year. Please note that we will try to fit in as many lessons as possible in the autumn and spring terms, and the children will have fewer lessons in the summer term. Our school is a busy school in the summer term, with many residential trips, performances and sporting events, which might clash with the children's lessons, therefore, it makes sense to schedule these earlier in the year.

The children will be in groups of 3-4. These groups offer greater opportunities to develop their musical skills, e.g. ensemble playing, improvisation skills, aural skills and putting the music making in context. It also is hugely beneficial for a child to have this musical experience together and helps with practice, motivation etc. This is reviewed termly.

Children's attendance at lessons will be monitored. If a child is not attending lessons regularly, parents will be contacted and the child's place put at risk and in some cases stopped. We regret that lessons missed due to absence from school and school activities cannot be made up at a later date. Every support will be given to the children in making them aware of their instrumental times. Due to the impact on your child's curriculum we are stipulating one instrument per child.

When your child has learnt the key basics of their instrument they will be invited and strongly encouraged to join a group.

Practice and progress will be monitored. If you have any concerns regarding your child's instrumental tuition, you should make immediate contact with the Music Subject Leader so any problems can be dealt with promptly.

Children will need to obtain their own instruments. They are obviously required to bring their instrument, music etc. to each lesson. They are also required to take the instrument home at the end of the day; this encourages regular practice and safe keeping of instruments.

£ We now offer the opportunity for lessons to be paid for via the Internet. Please contact the office if you do not have a pupil link code for your child.

£ The autumn term must be paid for when you agree to the lessons and return the contact in May.

Please ensure that all monies are put into the money post box in the front reception of the school office. The preferred payment method is by cheque for the initial payment with subsequent payments being paid online.

Guides to rental and assisted purchase of instruments are available from the school office.



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Music Home School Contracts 2016-17

PLEASE RETURN THIS COPY TO SCHOOL

Name of instrument

School statement

- The school will make every effort to provide your child with quality instrumental teaching provided by experienced, dedicated specialists that supports the National Curriculum and develops your child's instrumental and musicianship skills. We will provide opportunities for your child to play and perform with others in order to further develop their performance and musical skills and nurture their love of music.
- If for any reason you feel we fail to do this, or any problems arise, we want you to contact us immediately so that any issues can be dealt with promptly.
- If your child wishes to stop lessons during the year, we will do our utmost to find a replacement. If we are unable to do so, then the full year's payment will need to be paid.
- All missed payments will be actively pursued. Any outstanding debts at the end of the year may jeopardise your child's place the subsequent year.
- Teachers will be named at the start of the Autumn term.

We ask you as parents/guardians to agree to the following:

- Signing for one year's lessons
- Encourage my child to practise their instrument daily and bring their instrument and music to every lesson and /or ensemble session.
- Encourage my child to participate in school music groups /ensembles and performances and become fully involved in the musical life of the school.
- Inform the school office of any absences known in advance.
- Pay promptly for lessons when receiving an invoice

I wish my child to have Group Lessons at £50 per term x 3

I wish my child to join string club (violin players) at £15 per term x 3

Name of child

Class

SignedParent / Guardian

Date