



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

*Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth*

21st July, 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Instrumental Lessons 2021/22

I am writing to confirm the details for instrumental lessons in the Autumn Term 2021. In September, I will write again with details of the day of tuition and start date so that you can ensure that your child brings their instrument and music to school on the correct day. In addition to this, all children learning drums must bring and use their own drum sticks. (The drum kit and keyboards are already in the Music Room).

All children will need their own instrument to practice on at home together with the book used in lessons where appropriate. Please see below for details.

Instruments

We are in the fortunate position of holding a good stock of trumpets and violins at the school. We will be loaning these out at a cost of £10 per term. Please contact the school office if you wish to hire an instrument from the school.

Rentals and good quality instruments can also be purchased from:

<https://www.playitagainuk.com/> our local music shop in Oakdale

<https://www.absolutemusic.co.uk/> in Bournemouth

Please contact me via the school office with any questions.

Yours sincerely,

L. Wilson

Mrs Wilson
Music Leader

Additional information for each instrument

Drum lessons

All pupils need their own pair of drum sticks for lessons.

Vic Firth or Vater are recommended brands.

No bigger than 7a size. The lower the number the larger/heavier the stick is, ie 5 is heavier larger than a 7.

Guitar

See attached information sheet from Mr Palmer.

Flute

All children must bring their own flute each week. Please ensure that children bring their ***Abacadabra Flute Book*** together with any ***grade books***.

Piano / Keyboard

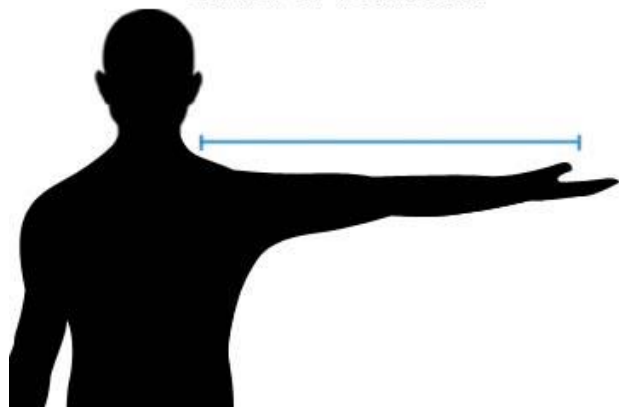
These are available in the Music Room. All pupils to bring their books: '***Me and My Piano – Part 1***' for beginners. Those continuing should have their own book.

Violin

Please bring violin and music to every lesson. A guide to measuring what size violin you need. Most children in Key Stage 2 will need $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ size.

STEP 1

MEASURE YOUR **ARM LENGTH**
FROM YOUR **NECK** TO THE
CENTER OF YOUR **PALM**



STEP 2

MATCH YOUR **ARM LENGTH**
AND **AGE** WITH THE CORRECT
VIOLIN SIZE

ARM LENGTH(cm)	AGE(years)	VIOLIN SIZE
35-41	3-5	1/16
41-45	3-5	1/8
45-51	6-7	1/4
51-56	8-9	1/2
56-59	10-11	3/4
59+	12+	4/4

Trumpet

Please bring trumpet and music folder to every lesson.