



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION – January 2019

We are again pleased to be able to offer instrumental tuition to children from a peripatetic music teacher. The school uses a mix of accredited private peripatetic music teachers and those provided by Sheffield Music Hub

Lydgate Junior School and the Sheffield Music Hub are changing how music lessons are administered within schools; the arrangements will now be made directly with The Music Hub or Private Peripatetic Music Teacher. To **start** lessons or to **continue** your child's music lessons from **January 2019**, please see below.

Instrument	Sheffield Music Hub	Contact
Violin	Rosie McConaghie	Please visit https://www.sheffieldmusicclub.org
Flute	Hannah Smalley	click on "Learn Music" and then "Music Lessons in Schools" and you will see the online application form. Once your application has been received you will be sent a request for payment. Payment is required prior to lessons starting and will be charged in 2 instalments for the rest of this academic year.
Cello	Suzanne Hobbs	
Oboe	Jan D'Roza	
Instrument	Private Peripatetic Teacher	
Clarinet & Flute	Emma Burton	Please email emma@bluenoteinstruments.com
Tenor Horn, Cornet & Euphonium	Pat Phillips	patphillips@hotmail.co.uk

There are two requirements of music making which require funding, **instruments** (their purchase, hire and maintenance) and **tuition**:

1. **Instruments** - A loan charge of £40 per academic year is charged for a school instrument, along with a refundable deposit of £40. Or an instrumental loan charge of £20 per term is levied if loaned through the Sheffield Music Hub.

These fees cover routine maintenance but not include accidental damage through misuse. You are, therefore, asked to ensure that your household insurance policy covers the instrument for all risks. Instruments are not insured by the school.

2. **A termly tuition fee.**



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Spring Term 2019	11 Lessons	Shared Individual	£72.49 £144.98
Summer Term 2019	11 Lessons	Shared Individual	£72.49 £144.98
Please note the number of lessons provided by the private peripatetic teachers may differ and therefore the tuition fee may also be different.			

Musical instrument tuition is an 'optional extra' as defined in the school's Charging and Remissions Policy and charges are applied. However, the inability to pay would not necessarily exclude any pupil who wished to learn an instrument. The Sheffield Music Hub offers a bursary scheme, details of which are available from <https://www.sheffieldmusic.org> Parents may seek financial support from the school through the terms of the Charging and Remissions Policy. This is available from our [website](#) or on request from the school office. Both give details of qualification criteria and the application process.

At Lydgate Junior School we have a long tradition of instrumental music making which, for many years, has enabled children to participate as members of the School Orchestra. This group meets weekly and, in their rehearsals, children are taught a whole range of skills which they need in order to participate successfully in ensemble music. Governors have agreed that those who seek instrumental tuition in school are, therefore, expected to progress to the orchestra as soon as the music coordinators consider it appropriate for them to do so.

We must emphasise, however, that as instrumental tuition is not an entitlement under the National Curriculum, we need the active support of parents to assure the future of the very strong music tradition in our school. This support takes many forms,

- a) A commitment to daily practice of approximately 15 minutes. Without this, progress will be minimal.
- b) Parental interest and support is vital. You don't have to be musical, just prepared to listen and encourage.
- c) Larger instruments, e.g. cello, may need to be transported on lesson and orchestra days.
- d) Instrumental tuition takes place in school session time and it is inevitable that children will miss some curriculum teaching. Lessons may also take place during break or over the lunch period and children may therefore miss some play time.
- e) Should your child choose to stop taking lessons, half a term's notice period is required. You will be liable for the cost of all lessons until the end of the notice period.
- f) If a child uses a school instrument, it will be relinquished at the end of his/her stay in school.

If you have any queries don't hesitate to contact the school office or The Music Hub on 01142506860. The Music Hub opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9-5pm, closed on Wednesdays and during school holidays.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr S Jones
Head Teacher