



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

We are pleased to announce that several of our instrumental teachers currently have space to take on new pupils, who wish to learn a musical instrument.

Why learn an instrument?

Here at Lydgate, we are proud of our strong musical tradition and are keen to encourage as many children as possible to learn an instrument. Learning to play an instrument develops confidence, concentration & teamwork and deepens a child's enjoyment of music for life. As well as instrumental lessons, we offer children the opportunity to learn to play as part of an ensemble by joining our orchestra once they reach a minimum standard on their instrument. This is run by school teaching staff during curriculum time and is free of charge.

Year 3 and 4 is the ideal time to begin learning a new instrument, giving children the chance to learn the basic skills so they can then enjoy playing with their friends in ensembles in year 5 or 6. However, older pupils are also welcome to begin instrumental lessons.

How to start learning

The school uses a mixture of accredited private peripatetic music teachers and those provided by the Sheffield Music Hub. The teachers and instruments are listed below.

If your child is interested in learning the clarinet (& flute) through Emma Burton, or the tenor horn, cornet & euphonium with Pat Phillips, please contact the teachers directly. For all other instruments, apply through the Sheffield Music Hub website. The teachers who currently have availability for new starters are Pat Phillips (brass), Emma Burton (clarinet & flute) and Kate Hartley (clarinet & flute).

Although the other teachers don't have space at present, they do operate waiting lists, which are currently very small. We would recommend you visit the music hub website and join the waiting list if you are interested. It can make it more likely for your child to be able to start learning in the next academic year but there is no obligation to take up lessons if you change your mind at a later date. Additionally, more names on the waiting list can help to demonstrate a greater demand and increase the chances of the music hub being given further funding to recruit more instrumental teachers.

Instrument	Private Peripatetic Teacher	Contact
Clarinet & Flute	Emma Burton	Please email mrsbluenoteinstruments@gmail.com
Tenor Horn, Cornet & Euphonium	Pat Phillips	patphillips1@hotmail.co.uk
Instrument	Sheffield Music Hub	Contact
Flute	Kate Hartley	Please visit https://www.sheffieldmusichub.org
Violin	Rosie McConaghie (currently full but waiting list available)	Click on "Learn Music" and then "Music Lessons in Schools" and you will see the online application form.
Cello	Suzanne Hobbs (currently full but waiting list available)	



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

1. **Instruments:** We have a number of instruments within school and charge a very reasonable fee of £40 per academic year, along with a refundable deposit of £40. Alternatively, the Sheffield Music Hub can loan instruments for a charge of £25 per term or £55 per year.

These fees cover routine maintenance but do 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:**

Autumn Term 2022	20 minute weekly lesson - £171.84 (Previously called 20 minute individual lesson) 30 minute weekly lesson - £257.76 (Previously called 30 minute individual lesson) 40 minute weekly lesson - £343.68 (Previously called 40 minute individual lesson)
Spring & Summer Term 2023	20 minute fortnightly lesson - £78.76 (Previously called 20 minute shared lesson) 20 minute weekly lesson - £157.52 (Previously called 20 minute individual lesson), 30 minute weekly lesson - £236.28 (Previously called 30 minute individual lesson), 40 minute weekly lesson - £315.04 (Previously called 40 minute individual lesson)
Please note the number of lessons provided by the private peripatetic teachers may differ and therefore the tuition fee may be different.	

The Sheffield Music Hub offers a bursary scheme, details of which are available from [The Sheffield Music Hub](#). 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.

To get the best out of the learning experience, it is important to be aware of the following recommendations and requirements:

- Parental interest and support is vital. You don't have to be musical, just prepared to listen and encourage!
- Daily practice of approximately 15 minutes is recommended to ensure progress is made.
- Larger instruments, e.g. the cello, may need to be transported on lesson and orchestra days.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 10-12.00 a.m. & 2.00 – 4.00 p.m., closed on Wednesdays and during school holidays.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs R Hurding
Head Teacher