



RE: Starting musical instrument lessons at Katherine Semar

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Music Department at Katherine Semar offers individual music lessons on the following instruments, subject to availability:

Piano	Baritone Horn	Clarinet
Violin	Euphonium	Flute
Singing	Trombone	Saxophone
Guitar	Trumpet/cornet	Drums

These lessons are provided by self-employed peripatetic music teachers who come into the school on certain days of the week. Therefore, you do not pay Katherine Semar for these lessons but will instead **enter into a private contract with the peripatetic teacher and pay them directly when invoiced.**

The cost of lessons varies slightly between teachers---see attached sheet. All teachers guarantee that at least 10 lessons will be given each term. Pupils do not have fixed lessons times; the timetable will be changed regularly to ensure pupils are not missing the same lessons all the time.

There is one payment that you need to make to the school, which is a one-off Music Administration Charge (MAC) of £30 which is due before lessons commence.

This charge is **per instrument/singing** and is to cover administration costs for the peripatetic teachers. If a student wishes to discontinue lessons, **6 school weeks' paid notice must be given, in writing, to avoid fees becoming payable for the new term.** Children who qualify for Free School Meals or who are Looked After need to contact Mr A. Hull to see whether they are entitled to financial assistance for their instrumental tuition.

Parents are actively encouraged to liaise with the instrumental teachers throughout the year.

It is sometimes necessary to operate a waiting list and you will be informed of this if it is the case.

Sourcing an instrument

- We have a small stock of some musical instruments, and we can rent these out to parents for the cost of £20 per annum (non-refundable)
- Some music shops may offer the option to hire an instrument. If this is something you are interested in, you will need to contact individual stores.
- If you want piano lessons, your child must have access to a piano or an electronic piano with full-size weighted keys.

Please note that we are happy to add a child on to any number of waiting lists, but the maximum number of instruments that a child can learn in school time, is two, at the discretion of the school. Priority will be given to first choice preferences.

All students who reach grade 1 are encouraged to contribute to one or more of the school's ensembles or orchestra.

Please read carefully and complete the online application form if you would like your child to have instrumental/singing lessons at Katherine Semar. Further information on any aspect of music at Katherine Semar can be obtained from Mrs Cass, our music teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mr Anthony Hull, Deputy Head teacher

