



Principal: Mr R. J. King, MEd

Dear Parents/Carers

## Instrument and Voice Lessons

Your child has expressed an interest in having instrumental or voice lessons at St. Bede's. Music tuition is extremely successful at the college, with over 300 pupils opting to have instrumental or voice lessons. At present, the college offers tuition on the following instruments:

Flute	Clarinet	Saxophone
Trumpet	Trombone	Lower Brass (Baritone, Tuba etc.)
Violin	Cello	Piano
Voice (Classical, Musical Theatre and Popular)	Guitar (Classical, Acoustic, Electric and Bass)	Drum Kit

Pupils opting to learn an instrument or have voice lessons are taught by one of the college's visiting music teachers. Pupils have a 30-minute lesson each week for 33 weeks of the academic year. Lessons are held on the same day each week and the times follow a rotation to ensure your child does not miss the same curriculum subject each week.

Instrument and voice lessons at St. Bede's are significantly cheaper than private tuition. For pupils learning in pairs, the cost of lessons is £282 per year, paid by a monthly direct debit of £23.50 per month. For 1-2-1 tuition, the cost is £540 per year, paid by a monthly direct debit of £45 per month.

Pupils who are entitled to Pupil Premium funding are supported with the cost of lessons. Pupils from families who are experiencing financial hardship should write to Mr D O'Rourke, Vice Principal, explaining their situation. Pupils in such circumstances will be supported wherever possible.

A variety of instruments are available to borrow from the music department. These can be used in lessons and for practice at break/lunch and at home. Local music shops offer hire schemes and The Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme should you wish to hire or purchase an instrument.

If you would like your child to have music lessons at St. Bede's, please return the reply slip to **Mrs Mason** in **Reception** as soon as possible, together with a completed direct debit form.

If you have any queries regarding music lessons at St. Bede's, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Lewis  
Head of Music

**Reply Slip for Instrument and Voice Lessons**



Pupil's Name..... Tutor Group .....

Which instrument would your child like to learn? Please tick the appropriate box.

Flute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clarinet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saxophone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trumpet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trombone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lower Brass (Baritone, Tuba etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Violin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cello	<input type="checkbox"/>	Piano	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voice (Classical)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voice (Musical Theatre/Pop)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guitar (Classical/Spanish)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guitar (Acoustic and Electric)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guitar (Bass)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drum Kit	<input type="checkbox"/>

My child is:

A beginner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has had lessons before Years: ..... Months: .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approximate grade (if known)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I would like my child to have a lesson in a pair (costing £23.50 per month):

I would like my child to have a 1-2-1 lesson (costing £45 per month):

My child is entitled to Pupil Premium funding:

We are in receipt of income support and would like financial help:   
(Please enclose supporting evidence).

It is useful if Peripatetic Music Teachers can contact you directly regarding the progress of your child in their instrument or vocal lessons. If you are happy for the college to share your email address with your child's music teacher, please tick the box below.

I give permission for the college to share my email address with my child's music teacher.

**IMPORTANT**

If you or child decides that lessons are no longer required, 2 term's notice in writing must be given by the parent to Reception before the payment is stopped. Once we have acknowledged your letter, we will notify you of the final date of the direct debit.

I have read and understood the terms of the music lessons and agree to them.

Signed .....

Date .....

**Please note: Pupils will not be able to start lessons until both this form and the direct debit form have been returned to Mrs Mason in Reception.**