



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:

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| 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 £285 per year, paid by a monthly direct debit of £23.75 per month. For 1-2-1 tuition, the cost is £546 per year, paid by a monthly direct debit of £45.50 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 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 click the following link or scan the QR code to complete the reply slip on Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/PwTEvc1Py9nLeLYc9>



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

Yours faithfully,

Mr James Lewis
Head of Music