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Dear Parents

I am writing to you about the instrumental and vocal learning opportunities available to the children in KS2.

Visiting peripatetic music teachers visit the school on a weekly basis to give lessons. Children leave class for these lessons for approximately 20 - 30 minutes depending on the size of the group being taught. Where possible, the teachers try to operate a rota so that the lesson time changes each week. Daily practice is essential and the teachers use a practice record book to monitor progress and communicate with parents.

We provide many opportunities in school to extend and support this instrumental learning. There are concerts and festivals to participate in as well as playing in assemblies. As the children progress in their ability they may wish to join the choir or orchestra.

The charge for these lessons is £40.00 a term. We do ask for a year's commitment and two post dated cheques. Some instruments are available to borrow from school, but there is the possibility that you may be required to provide your own. These can be bought through an assisted school purchase scheme or alternatively instruments are available to hire from music shops.

The range of instrumental lessons we offer is growing steadily each year and currently the list consists of:

Violin (Year 2 onwards)	Saxophone
Cello	Keyboard
Brass	Guitar
Clarinets	Percussion
Flute	Vocal (Years 5 and 6 only)

Some instruments are suited towards younger players such as the violin whilst the woodwind and brass instruments do require adult front teeth to be through. For the first time this year we are offering vocal and percussion tuition.

If your child would like to learn an instrument, then please return the attached form. Depending on the number of pupils interested, they may be able to start from September. Alternatively they will be placed on a waiting list.

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If you have any questions then do contact me at school. I am in class Monday to Wednesday or alternatively send in a letter. If your query concerns vocal tuition then please contact Miss Duckett in Year 5.

Regards

Belinda Brown
Music Leader

MUSIC LESSONS 2009-10

Child's Name Class

I would like my child to be considered for learning to play:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Flute
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clarinet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saxophone
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vocal (Y5/6)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cello
<input type="checkbox"/>	Violin
<input type="checkbox"/>	Guitar

<input type="checkbox"/>	Keyboard
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brass
<input type="checkbox"/>	Percussion

(Please tick as appropriate)

I understand that my child must be willing to attend instrumental lessons for the whole of the academic year and that should he/she give up before the end of the year then I shall be liable for payment of lessons for the remainder of the year.

Signed (parent) Date