

6th June 2018

Dear Parents

MUSIC LESSONS

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

Peripatetic music teachers visit the school on a weekly basis to give lessons. Children leave class 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. However, this is not always possible and children are expected to finish their work, maybe at other times. Daily practice is essential and the teachers use a practice record book to monitor progress and communicate with parents. A yearly report is also written for parents.

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

The charge for these lessons is £65.00 a term. Invoices will be issued during the last half of the summer term and payment, in the form of 3 post-dated cheques (1st September 2018, 1st January 2019, 1st April 2019), will need to be received by **6th July** in order for lessons to commence in September. Lessons will not commence until the three cheques are provided.

Please may I ask you to check your eligibility for free school meals, following the link: www.hants.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals Those parents who are entitled would be eligible for assistance in meeting the cost of music lessons.

We do ask for a year's commitment as it can take a while to settle into learning an instrument, also the peripatetic teacher is booked for the whole year and school is liable for the cost even if a child stops playing. We guarantee a minimum of 30 lessons over the course of the year. This is checked at the end of the Summer term and refunds will be made, if appropriate. Instruments are available to hire from Hampshire Music Service or alternatively they can be purchased through an assured school purchase scheme.

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

Violin (from Year 2 onwards)
 Cello (from Year 2 onwards)
 Brass
 Clarinet
 Flute
 Bassoon

Saxophone
 Keyboard (instrument will be needed at home)
 Guitar
 Percussion
 Vocal

Some instruments are suited towards younger players such as the violin and cello, whilst the woodwind and brass instruments do need all front teeth to be through.

- **If your child would like to learn an instrument then please return the slip below by Friday, 15th June and you will be notified if there is a place available. If spaces are filled then their name will be placed on a waiting list.**
- **If you have already applied and are waiting then please resubmit your form by Friday 15th June as I like to ensure that my records are up-to-date and know that you are still interested.**
- **If your child is already learning an instrument it is presumed you will be continuing unless you have notified Mrs Brown in writing that your child no longer wishes to continue.**

Yours sincerely

B Brown
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 Music Leader

Swanmore Primary School : MUSIC LESSONS 2018-19

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"/>	Bassoon

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cello (Y2 upwards)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Violin (Y2 upwards)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Guitar
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vocal

<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 will pay for lessons for the remainder of the year.

Signed (parent) Date