



CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL

A Foundation School serving the whole community

Chew Magna, Bristol. BS40 8QB
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Dear Parents/Carers

November 2011

Musical Instrument Tuition Booking Form Terms 3 & 4: January - April 2012

We are pleased to be able to offer pupils the opportunity to receive musical instrument tuition.
You may already play a musical instrument or you may wish to take up a new instrument.

What Instrument Can I Play?

Tuition is available for the following instruments:

Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Electric Guitar, Acoustic Guitar

Woodwind: Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Recorder

Brass: Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Tuba, French horn, Euphonium

Keyboard: Keyboard, Piano

Percussion: Orchestral (timpani, snare, tuned), Drum Kit, Xylophone

Voice

Who Will Teach Me?

Bath and North East Somerset Music Service provides the school with a team of peripatetic instrument teachers who visit the school to teach pupils on a weekly basis.

When Will My Lessons Take Place?

Instrumental lessons take place throughout the school day so you will come out of your normal lessons. Lessons rotate from week to week so that the same curriculum is not missed two weeks running. Timetables are displayed on the notice board outside the Music Block; you will need to check this regularly and at least once a week for updates. Lunchtime and twilight sessions are not available for Lower School pupils. Remember that you will have to copy up any work that you miss.

Do I Have To Have My Own Instrument?

Generally yes, however there are some school instruments available for loan (see Music Department to arrange). If you need to purchase an instrument, there is currently a special arrangement between local authority schools and HMRC, which allows parents/carers to choose an instrument, and then purchase it free of VAT through the school. This is only available for pupils taking lessons at school. If you wish to take advantage of this arrangement, please contact the school finance department and ask for an 'Assisted Instrument Purchase' form.

Will there always be a space for me?

We will always do our best but if you do not hand in your form on time it may be difficult to then fit you in. The school has to book tutors up to 6 weeks before the start of the new term.

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If you would like to receive Musical Instrument lessons please complete this form and return with payment to:

The Finance Office by Wednesday 30th November 2011

I wish my child to receive music lessons **January - April 2012 (Terms 3 & 4)**

Pupil name Form Instrument

Type of lesson: Please tick choice

Individual 30 minutes cost £160 OR Group/15 minutes cost £ 90

I enclose cash/cheque (payable to Chew Valley School) OR I have paid online by ParentPay

If you pay online, please also return the form or you may not be registered. I would like a receipt (tick box):

Signed (Pupil): Signed (Parent/Carer):

Date:

Ref: H054

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What If I Miss A Lesson?

If you need to miss a lesson due to an exam or school trip you will be expected to inform the tutor **in advance** to re-arrange a different time. You pay for 10 lessons a term so there should be plenty of time to make up lessons. In all other circumstances lessons will not be refunded or rescheduled. If a teacher cancels a music lesson, it will be re-scheduled to another week. If we are unable to re-schedule this lesson, we will arrange a refund.

Will I Have The Opportunity To Perform With Others?

Yes, there are many extra-curricular activities taking place at lunchtimes which include chamber choir, string ensemble, folk group, orchestra, swing band, guitar group, and various others. When you reach the right standard, you will be expected to join an appropriate group. It's great to be able to work with other musicians and perform in concerts.

Where Can I Store My Instrument During The School Day?

Unfortunately, there is no secure locker space available in the school for pupils' instruments but there is a storage space available in the Music Block. Instruments are not covered by the schools insurance so your parent/carer should check that their household insurance provides protection.

How Will My Parent/ Carer Know What Progress I'm Making?

Some tutors provide a Music Homework diary to record what you need to practice for the next week. Your teacher can also communicate with your carer in your diary regarding sheet music and books that you may need to purchase and also about exams that you may wish to take. All tutors provide the student with an annual report.

How Much Do Lessons Cost?

The Musical Instrument Tuition charge is for 10 lessons per term (3 terms per year) at a cost of:
Half hour group (max 3 pupils) or individual 15 minute lesson: £90
Half hour individual lessons: £160

How And When Do I Pay?

Your parent/carer must complete both sides of the form below and return it with payment to the **finance office by the date indicated**. You can pay by cheque made out to Chew Valley School or online at ParentPay (www.parentpay.co.uk).

Where can I get copies of this form?

This form is available for download from the Chew Valley School website. Go to 'Parents', select 'Letters to Parents'. It is helpful if you complete a separate form for each instrument.

If you have any questions about musical instrument tuition,
please call reception on 01275 332272
OR

Email: carol.sorensen@chewvalleyschool.co.uk

It would be helpful if you could provide me with an email address and mobile phone number so that I can communicate lesson times with you and your child.

Email address:

Mobile number: (I will only ever send you a text message)

Thank you

Carol Sorensen
Musical Instrument Tuition Coordinator