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Dear Parents

We are able to start a new Violin instrumental group of Year 3 children.

Attached to this letter is a slip which you are invited to return if you would like your child to be considered for tuition. Mrs Walters will then test these children for musical and physical aptitude, before deciding which of them would benefit from small group tuition.

Before you return the slip may I ask you to consider carefully whether you think your child will show the commitment to practise regularly (at least 20 minutes per day) and to persevere once the novelty has worn off; and whether you as his/her parents are prepared to support the teacher in ensuring that this is done. You also need to accept that at the end of the testing stage, a number of children will be disappointed that they cannot have lessons at this time. They should not, however, be made to feel that they have failed in any way.

We have a limited number of places available and it is disappointing if a child who has been successful in securing a place decides not to continue. The place cannot be offered to another child as they would be behind their group.

I am sure that you are all aware of the current financial climate which requires everyone to review their spending and attempt to reduce costs. Unfortunately due to reduced funding for schools we are in the same position and although we would very much like to provide free instrument hire and tuition to our pupils it is not feasible.

For each child to have a hired instrument and lessons for one school year; the school pays £205. We therefore make a subsidised charge of £120 per child towards the cost of music tuition for your child. This will be broken into 3 payments of £40.00 per term. There will be no refund if your child misses a lesson during the term and payments will be required in full in the first week of each term. Payment to be made on SimsPay online.

We are an inclusive school and would not want any child to be deprived of the opportunity to play an instrument due to financial difficulties and therefore request that any family on free school meals who wishes their child to play an instrument contact Mrs Blower for further funding details.



Healthy Schools



Please note that Mrs Walters will not be given information regarding funding arrangements when selecting pupils for tuition.

Yours sincerely



J Nash
Head of School

Instrument Hire and Tuition Funding Agreement

Name Class

Instrument

I / we the parent/guardian of the above named child confirm that I/we would like them to receive musical tuition for the 2019/2020 academic year and agree to make a contribution of £120.00 towards the cost of instrument hire and tuition. This money will be paid on SimsPay in three instalments of £40.00 and will be paid in full even if my child decides not to continue with their lessons. I understand that this is a commitment for one year's tuition and no refunds will be made.

I / we the parent guardian of the above named child would like them to receive musical tuition for the 2019/2020 academic year but would like to make an appointment to discuss the payment plan as we currently claim free school meals.

SignedParent/Guardian

Name