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Dear Parents

We are able to start a new Cello instrumental group for Year 4 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.

Please also consider if your child already plays an instrument if they will have the time and commitment to practise both. 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. This place is then wasted.

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. Parents are required to contribute £120.00 towards this cost. 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. You will need to make payment by Sims Pay after your child is allocated a place and the product Cello Y4 becomes available.

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 places for children registered for free school meals will be paid for using the pupil premium grant and there will be no charge to parents.



SCHOOL MEMBER



WOLVERHAMPTON EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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 in three instalments of £40.00 on Sims Pay 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. My child is registered for Free School Meals.

SignedParent/Guardian

Name