



March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Instrumental Music Lessons for Pupil Premium/ FSM families

I am writing to inform you of the opportunities available for children to learn musical instruments in school. We offer instrumental lessons to children in Year 2 and above with visiting teachers from Harrow Music Service. To ensure that your child will be able to take part in music tuition next academic year, we are required to buy into the services from Harrow Music Service now.

At Heathland we encourage a life-long love of music through extra-curricular lessons on a musical instrument. Apart from learning a valuable and respected skill, children benefit from learning an instrument in so many other ways, gaining enjoyment from a shared an experience with others, making friends, and developing confidence and social skills.

We understand the importance of music as a means of well-being, and we do not want the fees charged for music lessons by professional teachers to be a barrier to any child learning at Heathland. Therefore, if you have applied to Harrow Council for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium for your child and meet their eligibility criteria **we will subsidise the lessons for the full amount of £195.00, per child, per year.**

We know the huge difference being able to play an instrument will make to the outcomes of pupils both for music and other subjects, and we are extremely proud to be one of the very few schools who can offer this to their pupils!

The instruments available for **Year 2** children next year are, Viola, Violin, Cello and Keyboard.

The instruments available for **Year 3** children next year are, Violin, Viola, Cello, Guitar, Keyboard, Drums

The instruments available to children in **Year 4 and above** next year are: Violin/Viola, Cello, Drums, Keyboard, Guitar, Trumpet/Cornet, Trombone, Baritone, French Horn, Tenor Horn, Tuba, Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone.

Please note:

- Places are allocated on a first come first served basis. We will advise you if your child has secured a place. If unsuccessful your child will be placed on a waiting list.
- Pupils will receive a HMS practice diary which is a great tool for parents to see what their child is learning and communicate with the music teacher.
- Parents will also receive an end of year report which will detail your child's progress.

- Lessons are given in groups, normally of four to six children, and last for 25/30 minutes. A minimum of 30 lessons are delivered, generally 10 lessons per term.
- If the teacher is absent a cover teacher will always be provided or alternatively a catch-up lesson will be held so the children receive the full allocation.

Children will need to have a suitable instrument on which to learn and practice. The school can provide most instruments, which are available for hire at £25 per term.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide keyboards and guitars for hire. These will need to be bought or hired independently. The music teacher will be able to advise the best place to purchase these items at a reasonable cost to parents.

Parents are responsible for taking care of the instruments hired, and consumable items (e.g. violin strings, etc.) Any loss or damage to the instrument will result in a replacement charge which you will be required to pay directly to Harrow Music Services.

To ensure your child will be able to take part in music tuition next academic year. Please complete the attached form and return it to school by **Friday 22nd April 2022**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Farrant
Deputy Headteacher

REQUEST FORM FOR INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS 2022-23

Childs Name:

Current Class:

I would like my child to learn the following instrument(s):.....

Type of lesson required:

Beginner

Prior learner

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

By signing this form, you are agreeing to the following Terms and Conditions:

- I understand the commitment is for the whole year.
- I confirm that if my child/ren are offered a place I will pay any necessary instrument hire fees by the required dates as indicated in the letter.
- I agree to take full responsibility for any loss/damage to the instruments.
- I agree to give notice to the Head of Music if my child is to cease having lessons.

Parents signature: Print name:

Date.....

