



March 2022

To the Parents/Carers of children in Year 1

## Re: Instrumental Music Lessons

Dear Parents/Carers,

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 (HMS). 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. Parents will also receive an end of year report which will detail your child's progress.

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

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.
- A 10% discount is being offered for any additional siblings, who also wish to learn an instrument.
- 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.
- 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.
- If your child is offered a place to learn an instrument, we require your commitment for the whole year at a cost of £195 per instrument.
- Payment for the year can be made in full or in 3 instalments of £65, **but the full amount is payable regardless of whether or not your child continues for the full year.** Payments must be made via ParentPay.
- If you have applied to Harrow Council for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium for your child and meet their eligibility criteria these fees are waived.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

If you would like to take advantage of the 10% Sibling discount being offered please fill in sibling details below,

**Siblings Name:** .....

**Current Class:** .....

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

**Type of lesson required:**

**Beginner**   
**Prior learner**

**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 the tuition and hire fees by the required dates as indicated in the letter.
- I understand that fees will not be reimbursed if my child is absent.
- I agree to take full responsibility for any loss/damage to the instruments.
- I agree to give one half term's notice to the Head of Music if my child is to cease having lessons but will still pay for the remaining fees for the year, per instrument, per child.

**Parents signature:** ..... **Print name:** .....

**Date**.....

