



Baildon Church of England Primary School
And Nursery

3rd July

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Peripatetic Music Lessons September 2020

I am writing to provide you with information about instrumental music lessons available at Baildon C of E. We have a strong musical tradition at the school, with many children choosing to learn instruments. Once pupils gain a little confidence on their chosen instrument, there are various opportunities to join our many extra-curricular music clubs, and perform in our very popular music concerts. We are fortunate to have an excellent team of peripatetic music teachers who visit school each week from Bradford Music and Arts service, providing lessons on a wide range of instruments, as well as Mrs Cathy Usher who teaches our Piano and Keyboard lessons.

As with previous years, pupils can learn specific instruments according to their age. Below, you will find the options available for the next academic year:

Year 1: Strings: violin, 'cello, viola

Year 2: Strings: violin, 'cello, viola
Percussion: drum kit
Brass: trumpet, cornet, tenor horn, euphonium, trombone

Year 3: As above, with the addition of:
Guitar
Keyboard* (see note below)
Piano* (see note below)

Year 4-6: As above, with the addition of:
Woodwind: clarinet, flute, saxophone, oboe, bassoon

*Please note: Piano and keyboard lessons are to be booked separately with Mrs Usher, and NOT through the music service. See below for more details.

Pupils may learn just one instrument in school in Years 1 and 2, a maximum of two instruments in school from Year 3 upwards. The cost of music service lessons is £59 per term for a 20 minute small group lesson each week (groups of no more than 4 pupils), or £162 per term for a 20 minute individual lesson each week. Parents are billed directly by Bradford Music and Arts service, and there is also an additional charge for instrument hire if required. Children will receive a minimum of thirty lessons through the academic year. To apply for lessons on any of the instruments above (excluding piano and keyboard) commencing September 2020 (or as soon as Covid-19 restrictions allow), please complete the online form on the music service website, available at:

<https://www.bradfordmusiconline.co.uk/site/music-lessons/application-form-for-lessons/>

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For information on how to hire or buy an instrument, please visit:

<https://www.bradfordmusiconline.co.uk/site/music-lessons/where-to-buyhire-an-instrument/>

Covid-19 restrictions:

Given the current situation with Covid-19, we are at present unsure of any restrictions that will be in place for September 2020. The music service is currently hoping that instrumental lessons will start immediately at the beginning of the autumn term; however, if that is not possible, lessons will only be billed from their actual start date.

We would ask that you please stick to the above age-related guidelines when choosing an instrument with your child. We would also like to point out that music lessons are timetabled during the school day, and, whilst we try to rotate the timings, in some cases pupils may miss part of the same subject each week.

Applying for Keyboard and Piano lessons:

As previously mentioned, keyboard and piano lessons are billed separately by Mrs Usher. She teaches piano in 1:1 lessons only, and these therefore cost £14.00 per lesson, with group keyboard lessons being charged at £5.90. If your child wishes to learn piano or keyboard, please email Mrs Usher directly at cathy.usher@hotmail.co.uk to request a space. Mrs Usher will then confirm directly with you whether or not she has space for your child.

Please note that there can be no guarantee of a space being available on any instrument, and therefore it is advised that you apply for lessons as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

If your child is already learning an instrument and wishes to continue lessons, there is NO NEED to fill in a new form.

If you require more information about the different instruments, you can find some demonstration videos made by the Music and Arts Service here:

<https://www.bradfordmusiconline.co.uk/site/music-lessons/demonstration-videos/>

I look forward to seeing plenty of new young musicians in the new academic year!

Yours Sincerely

Mrs B Armstrong
Music Teacher

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