



LEPPINGS CLUSTER MUSIC

MUSIC LESSONS BOOKING 2018 / 2019

Thursday 25th May 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

We are now booking our peripatetic staff for music lessons next academic year. If you would like your child to start music lessons, **or continue their existing lessons**, we need to book your child's place for next academic year. Many of our students take advantage of extra peripatetic music tuition in school, and enjoy the social and educational benefits this brings. We are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of instrumental tuition and hope your child will take advantage of this provision in school.

Specialist music tuition is delivered on a weekly basis during the school day and will be delivered in groups of no more than two students. Group sizes are kept small to allow each child to gain as much as possible from their lessons. As students progress, they may be moved into different groupings according to their needs.

Music lessons are payable in advance at a cost of **£41.00 per short term**. **The yearly cost for lessons will be split into 6 payments of £41.00 payable termly in advance**. Payment for all lessons will be due at the start of each term, and lessons will not be delivered if payment is outstanding. All students will receive 35 lessons over the academic year including six group workshop sessions. In addition children will receive additional practice time leading up to concerts and events, and support from their music teacher at public performances. **If your child wishes to book lessons to start in September 2018, the attached form needs to be returned to the school office by Monday 18th June. No payment will be due until September.**

We have a huge demand for places, and we have to secure our teachers for the academic year. For this reason lessons will be chargeable for a full term, or minimum of a 12 week period. If for any reason your child wishes to stop their lessons, we ask that parents give at least 4 weeks' notice before the end of a term so we can offer the place to another child. We usually have a waiting list for lessons, and children rarely ask to stop their lessons.

As we have to pay staff for all lessons, lessons will not be refunded for pupil absence due to holidays, illness or injury. If a student misses a lesson due to activities at school, we will endeavour to make up any lost lesson time over the term. All staff keep up to date registers to ensure that children receive their lesson allocation over the academic year. Children's lessons will run weekly, and it will be the child's responsibility to attend that lesson. Teachers will have a copy of the music timetable in the classroom and music staff will collect children in KS1 if necessary. We always write our music timetables following discussions with the class teacher to ensure that disruption to curriculum time is minimal.

To give children an opportunity to play as part of an ensemble group, staff will deliver up to six music workshop sessions over the academic year in place of individual lessons. These sessions are often run in preparation for concerts to give children the opportunity to rehearse with other students to prepare for their public performance.

We are able to offer tuition on a wide range of instruments and always try and fulfil all requests for places.

The instruments we can currently offer are:

Drums

Electric Guitar

Acoustic Guitar

Bass Guitar

Ukulele

Keyboard

Piano

Vocals – Please note these lessons are taught using age appropriate vocal training techniques with attention to the physical constraints of teaching younger students.

Violin

Please note children do not need to have their own instrument in order to participate in the music lesson programme. Loan instruments are available for violin and guitar lessons at no additional charge.

We also offer large group ukulele lessons in addition to the peripatetic programme. These lessons are delivered in larger groups (max 6 children) and give children the opportunity to learn the basics of music notation and instrumental techniques. These lessons cost £3.00 per week, and can be booked stating **group ukulele** on the booking form. **If you wish your child to have ukulele lessons as part of the peripatetic programme these lessons will be delivered in pairs and follow the peripatetic programme.**

Please note if your child is in receipt of free school meals (excluding Universal Infant Free School Meals for KS1 children) music lessons are funded, and there is no cost to parents. I would encourage anyone who is entitled to free school meals to register for these even if your child does not wish to take advantage of the free meal at lunchtimes. If you have registered for free school meals, there will be no charge for lessons.

If you are not in receipt of free school meals and need financial assistance to allow your child to take music lessons, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Young at Deeping St James or Mrs Mills.

As lessons are very popular all lessons will be offered on a first come first served basis. Please return all requests for tuition by **Monday 18th June. Please note that existing students must still complete the lesson booking form.**

If you have any questions regarding lessons please do not hesitate to contact me via e mail at sarah.young@dsj.school.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Young
Music Co-ordinator

MUSIC LESSONS PARENT AGREEMENT

If you wish your child to take music lessons for the academic year 2018 / 2019 please read and sign the following agreement.

- Music lessons will take place weekly, and be delivered for 35 weeks during the year.
- In addition to the 35 teaching weeks, music teachers will attend public performances throughout the year to support their students.
- Lessons will be taught by specialist music teachers.
- Music teachers will record student’s attendance and progress in a music record booklet. This should be read and signed by parents / carers.
- Students will be involved in six ensemble music sessions in the academic year. These will take the place of usual music lessons.
- Lessons will not be refunded due to pupil absence due to holidays, illness or injury.
- It is the student’s responsibility to attend their lessons each week.
- Lessons are booked for an academic year, and parents will be liable for all lesson costs per 12 week term.
- Payment for each term should be made within 10 days of the start of each term.
- If you wish to cancel lessons, 4 weeks’ notice must be given before the end of the term.
- In order to reach their full potential, students will be encouraged to practice weekly and parents should complete their home practice record.
- Instruments will be provided for all lessons to be used in school.
- Formal examinations can be sat when appropriate and with the permission of parents. (There is an additional cost if students wish to sit formal examinations). These are not compulsory.
- There will be no charge for lessons if your child is entitled to free school meals (excluding new government initiative for KS1).
- Payment is to be made via ‘Pay Our School’.
- Fees will be due on September 4th 2018 and at the start of every term thereafter.
- All students taking lessons will be invited to perform in a concert during the year.

If you are happy with the above terms and conditions, please sign and return this form to school.

I would like my son/daughter to take peripatetic music lessons in school.

Name of child

Year Group in September 2018

Chosen instrument / instruments

I agree to the terms and conditions set out above

(Signed Parent / Carer)