



MAYHILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL TUITION AT MAYHILL FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

Once again we are pleased to confirm we will be offering the opportunity for children to learn/continue learning a musical instrument at Mayhill during the next academic year.



These instrumental lessons are provided by highly qualified visiting teachers from Hampshire County Music Service, usually in groups of 2 or 3, for 20 minutes a week, during school time. They provide tuition in a good range of woodwind, string, guitar and brass instruments, as well as vocal.

Learning a musical instrument is a great way for children to learn self-expression, how to interact with others and self-discipline. As skills develop, a great sense of achievement can also be shared with family and friends. Once children gain confidence in their instrument, whenever possible they will be given opportunities at school to perform in assemblies, concerts and with children from other schools.

However, please be aware that it does take time to practice and develop skills, so ensure there is time outside of school to practice (ideally for 20mins per day) and that your child is enthusiastic enough to stick with it! They may also need to catch up on school work they have missed whilst having their music lessons.

You will need to provide your child with an instrument, and this will need to be ready for use by the first lesson in September. Hampshire Music Service does provide an instrument hire service, please see details below. Parents are strongly advised to investigate the costs involved in addition to the cost of the tuition, before making a commitment – but please do not obtain an instrument before a firm place for tuition has been offered.

Tuition Fees

The cost of tuition is £100 per term, however parents will need to commit to a full year's tuition fees of £300 by consenting on the online form. Unfortunately, this is because the school is required to commit to Hampshire Music Service for the full academic year, even if your child ceases to play an instrument during the year.

Please be aware this is still an extremely competitive price for instrumental tuition as the fees are heavily subsidised by school funds to help open up such great opportunities to our children! We would like all children to have the opportunity to partake in these lessons.

Bursary Places

If there are financial difficulties, please contact Mrs McGillivray in confidence. We are hopeful that a small number of full Bursary places will become available in a selection of instruments/vocal. Please enquire with the school office for details. Please be aware that if your child is currently in receipt of a bursary place, you



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will either need to self-fund or reapply for next year if your child wishes to continue with their music tuition.

Please also be aware that Hampshire Music aim to provide 30 lessons per academic year and that on rare occasions when it is necessary to cancel a music tuition lesson, the school will be unable to provide refunds due to the size of the subsidy they provide.

To reserve a place

Whilst we cannot guarantee your child a place at this stage, please complete the [online form](#) by **Friday 26th April 2024** indicating which instrument your child wishes to play.

Due to the limited places available we are only able to offer your child the opportunity to learn one musical instrument. We will then do our best to accommodate all the children interested in lessons or put them on the waiting list.

If your child is currently receiving Hampshire Music Lessons, please complete the form to indicate that they wish to continue receiving music tuition during the next academic year.



Mrs McGillivray
Head Teacher

Hampshire Music Service - Hire of Instruments

Hampshire Music Service has a limited number of instruments which are available for hire to pupils having lessons through HMS. The cost for each instrument is between £26.00-£36.00 per term which is payable in advance and the minimum period of hire is one term. This is an excellent opportunity for pupils to try out an instrument for the first time or change to a different sized instrument, at very low cost with good quality instruments. For more information, visit

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hampshiremusic/instrumenthire>

The hire of instruments is the responsibility of the parent to organise prior to their child starting music lessons, however please **do not** hire an instrument until the tuition place has been confirmed.

Please note instruments need to be collected from Hampshire Music in Eastleigh.