

Plymouth Cast Academy Trust
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Mr Neil McDermott BEng (Hons) Med



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Instrumental Tuition Application Form September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Playing a musical instrument can have a huge impact on your child's life and comes with many benefits!

By learning and playing an instrument, there is evidence to prove that it can increase the capacity of your child's memory, boost team skills, teaches perseverance, enhances co-ordination, encourages better mathematical ability, improves reading and comprehension skills, and sharpens concentration.

At St Joseph's School, we offer the chance for your child to learn an instrument. From Year 3 upwards your child has the opportunity to receive instrumental tuition from one or more of our visiting peripatetic teachers for violin, viola, cello, clarinet, flute, saxophone, guitar, piano, trumpet, trombone and drums.

The majority of the tuition is given during the school day so your child is likely to be taken out of class during lesson time. We aim to make all lessons available in the afternoon in order to avoid missing Maths and English lessons. Where sessions are very busy, places will be awarded on a 'first come-first served' basis.

Coronavirus Information

We are very pleased that the government advice is that instrumental teachers are able to move between schools to teach and precautions will be taken to keep everyone safe. I know some children have been able to continue lessons online but others will be keen to get back to their instrumental lessons in person. We have a regular team of known and trusted instrumental teachers at St Joseph's. All lessons will be run in the Music Room which is a large room. The room will be well ventilated. Children will be grouped according to their year group and therefore will remain within their bubble. They will be reminded to wash their hands before and after their lesson. Woodwind and Brass teachers will be ensuring that guidelines are adhered to regarding positioning of the children and the teacher. For instruments such as drums, piano, violin and guitar there is no additional risk due to the method of playing. Children **MUST** bring their own instrument and must not share instruments with the exception of the drum kit (own sticks are required) and the keyboard. These instruments will be cleaned between lessons. There is a possibility of borrowing an instrument from school (flute, violin, guitar) on a long term loan but this instrument must be taken home and kept by your child.

If you would like your child to start learning a musical instrument, **or if your child has been having lessons at school and would like to continue with them**, please complete this form and return to the school office by Wednesday 16th September. Please fill in **all** contact information requested.

Name of Student:	Class:
Parent/Carer 1 Name of Parent/Carer:	Parent/Carer 2 Name of Parent/Carer:
Address of Parent/Carer:	Address of Parent/Carer:

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<p>Home Telephone:</p> <p>Mobile Telephone:</p> <p>Work Telephone:</p> <p>E-mail:</p>	<p>Home Telephone:</p> <p>Mobile Telephone:</p> <p>Work Telephone:</p> <p>E-mail:</p>
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INSTRUMENT: (please circle)

Clarinet	Flute	Saxophone (Yr 4 & above only)	Piano
Guitar	Violin/Viola	Cello	Brass - Trumpet/Trombone
Drums (individual lessons of 20 minutes)			

<p>Special Educational Needs – please give detail of any information that our teachers may find useful when they are teaching your son/daughter:</p>	
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- Lesson costs may vary slightly but will be approximately £60 for ten 20-minute shared lessons per term.
- Please note that this is an application form only. You will be contacted by your child's music teacher who will invoice you directly by letter or e-mail. The contract for music lessons will exist between parent/carer(s) and music teacher.
- If you would like any further information, please contact Mrs. Cook, Music Teacher.

AGREEMENT



I have read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the application form. I agree for the details given on this form to be shared with my child's music teacher.

Signed (Parent/Carer)

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Print Name:

Date:

**Please return application form by Wednesday 16th September 202-
for instrumental lessons starting at the end of September 2020**

**Please also return a form if your child wishes to continue music tuition,
when they have been having lessons previously.**

Instrumental Tuition Application Terms of Agreement

Music Teacher Obligations:

It is expected that music teachers will:

- Fulfill their music tuition contract between themselves and the parent
- Organise and display an up-to-date timetable, agreed with the school
- Notify parents directly of the timings of lessons
- Provide ten 20 minute shared lessons each term. Individual lessons are available at extra cost (in some cases individual lessons are necessary, for example drum lessons, or if your child is the only one learning a particular instrument or the only one at a particular standard).
- Group children with others of a similar standard with a maximum of 3-4 children in each group. This offers greater opportunities to develop their musical skills, e.g. ensemble playing opportunities. It is also hugely beneficial for a child to have this musical experience together and helps with practice, motivation, etc.
- Encourage and motivate students to learn, practice and improve
- Keep a weekly lesson register
- Invoice parents directly for lessons provided, preferably by e-mail, although they may be sent via children's book bags
- Provide options for payment from parents such as by cash, cheque or by providing bank details for payment
- Monitor payments received and the chasing of non-payment
- Monitor progress and report on your child's development

Student Expectations:

It is expected that students will:

- Attend all their lessons on time. We regret that lessons missed due to your child's absence from school cannot be made up at a later date. Every support will be given to the children to make them aware of their instrumental times, but it does remain your child's responsibility to remember their lesson and turn up on time.
- Bring their instrument (if necessary) and music to lessons
- Regularly practice their instruments in preparation for lessons
- Store their instrument safely whilst in school – if in doubt, they should ask their teacher where they should keep it. The school cannot insure instruments belonging to children and so we would advise that you arrange your own private cover for valuable items.

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Parents Expectations:

It is expected that parents will:

- Remind their child of their lesson times
- Encourage their child to practice their instrument
- Pay invoices promptly, by cash or cheque, left in a sealed envelope in the silver box at the school office addressed to the music teacher, or by paying directly to the music teacher's bank account with their child's name as the reference.
- Provide their child with an instrument and music where necessary. If you need to purchase a new instrument for your child, please ask at the office for a list of recommended suppliers. You may arrange purchase through the school and benefit from the government VAT-free scheme whereby you pay only the net cost of the instrument – if you would like to take advantage of this please ask at the office for details.
- The school has a few instruments available for hire – if you would like your child to borrow a school instrument, please enquire (a separate hire agreement will need to be signed). Instruments available at school are violin and flute (first come, first served).

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