

PERIPATETIC MUSIC ENROLMENT FORM & CONTRACT

Name: _____ Form: _____

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child has requested music tuition and I am pleased to be able to offer them peripatetic music lessons held at Balshaw's C of E High School on a first come first served basis with a trial period. Please read the additional sheet of terms and conditions attached with this letter.

To secure your place, please sign the reply slip provided and return it to me at school as soon as possible.

Along with classroom Music teaching, The Instrumental peripatetic music service is well established catering for beginners through to advanced players in the Upper Grades of the major music conservatoires such as The Associated Board of The Royal Schools of music. The service is a fee-paying one*, and students have either a 15-, 20- or 30-minute lesson, the time of which is usually rotated to avoid missing the same curriculum lesson each week.

The cost of lessons varies, and prices can be obtained by visiting the Music Department website and clicking on the relevant music tutor name. Students must give a full-term notice if they do not wish to carry on with their lessons.

All the main instruments are taught – woodwind, brass, electric, acoustic, and bass guitar, drum kit, singing, piano and electronic keyboard.

We are immensely proud of our Instrumental teachers at Balshaw's, who carry out the tuition with great enthusiasm and commitment. They are appointed by the school and are highly qualified and experienced professional musicians. Students are encouraged to take graded examinations when appropriate, as these carry UCAS points from grades 6,7 and 8.

The teaching service is supported by a full extra- curricular programme which includes various bands, choirs, Rock School, and other ensembles, and we expect students to join these as soon as they are able. Students who have music lessons in school are expected to participate in extra-curricular ensembles, shows or concerts. e.g if a student takes singing lessons in school, they are expected to be involved in one of the choirs or show ensembles. If a student takes brass lessons in school, then they are expected to join the school Brass Band as soon as they are competent enough to play.

***Please note: The Music tuition is subsidised, pupil premium students are allowed lessons on one instrument free of charge each week.** Additional costs and maintenance fees may apply in certain circumstances.

* Some Instruments may be loaned to students from school depending on availability, apart from drum kits, electric guitars & electronic keyboards. We have strong links with local music stores who will offer "Assisted Purchase Schemes" and other discounted deals for our students. **Please read the contract form on the next page, detach the slip and return it to me at school.** If you have any questions or queries about the music service we offer, please do not hesitate to contact me via by telephone, e-mail or the school office to arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

Yours Sincerely,

Rebecca Atkinson-Brown

R. Atkinson-Brown (Mrs)

Head of Music Department

Balshaw's C of E High School Music Department

Peripatetic Music Tuition - Terms and Conditions

Having been granted music tuition, you are asked therefore to agree to the following conditions:

1. That your child has reasonable facilities for practice without distraction from television etc, and preferably in a room by him/herself.
2. Ensure that your child practices conscientiously each day for fifteen or twenty minutes. Regular practice is the key to success. One day's missed practice may well undermine the progress made on several other days.
3. Students are expected to take instruments home for practice purposes. (Particularly during school holidays.)
4. Show interest in your child's progress and give encouragement. The school will endeavour to encourage your child in every way, and I hope you will do the same at home.
5. Ensure that any loaned instrument is always kept safe; they are expensive.
6. It is hoped that you would maintain any loaned instrument in a satisfactory condition, i.e., replacing strings or reeds. You are required to pay the cost of repairing any deliberate damage to the instrument or, if necessary, pay the cost of replacing it. Musical instruments can be insured on a special "all-risks" policy on your home insurance.
7. **A student who fails to make reasonable progress owing to a lack of practising will be required to withdraw from the lessons on notice. Learning conversations will have already taken place at this stage. Students failing to attend 3 lessons in a row without a valid reason will have their lessons forfeited. The place will be offered to another student on the waiting list.**

Parents are reminded that all students receiving tuition from our Peripatetic Music Service, will be obliged to take part in a relevant school music department ensemble, choir or band.

To maintain safe protocols to reduce the risk of aerosol transmission of Covid-19 in Music Lessons.

The safety of students in our care is of paramount importance, and you can be reassured that each music tutor will ensure that the following measures are in place:

- Social distancing will be maintained, and face coverings will be used if this is not possible at any point.
- Appropriate seating positions will be implemented.
- The instruments (if using school equipment), chair and door handles will be cleaned before and after your child's lesson.
- Your child should bring their own guitar into school for their lesson. Pianos, keyboards and drum kits will be provided and cleaned before and after use by your child.
- Hand sanitiser will be available (your child should also have their own).
- **Sanitise Before, Sanitise After.** Lessons will be in a practice room that is large enough to maintain two metres social distancing, with a high ceiling and open windows for ventilation.
- **If you wish your child to continue to have, or to start peripatetic music lessons, please complete the slip below. Your child will NOT be allowed to have lessons without this being signed in advance of their first lesson.**

In these unprecedented times, more than ever we want to support each other with kindness and Christian love for the benefit of all in the Balshaw's family. The health, safety and wellbeing of all our students is at the heart of what we do and maintaining the safety of all is behind these decisions. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch either by email or by telephoning the school office to arrange a conversation over the phone.

Please keep the top parts of the letter, detach, and return the slip below to Mrs Atkinson-Brown (Head of Music)

✂ *Please return this slip A.S.A.P to secure your place.

I give full permission for my child (Name) _____; Form _____ to have peripatetic music tuition at Balshaw's C of E High School, and agree to the terms and conditions laid out in this package.

I would like to have lessons on:

Piano, Keyboard, Guitar, Bass, Ukulele, Drums, Singing, Brass including Trumpet, Cornet, Tenor Horn, Euphonium, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba (Please circle)

Signed:(Parent/Carer) _____ Date: _____