

PERIPATETIC MUSIC ENROLMENT FORM & CONTRACT

Pupil Name: _____ Form: _____

Instrument (s): _____

Dear Parent, guardian or 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. 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 now 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, or 30 minute lesson, the time of which is usually rotated to avoid missing the same curriculum lesson each week.

The cost of lessons is £7.50 per lesson payable a term in advance (12 lessons per term = £90).
Students must give a full term notice if they do not wish to carry on with their lessons.

All the main instruments are taught – flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, horn, trombone, tuba, electric and acoustic guitar, bass guitar, Ukulele, drum kit, voice, piano and electronic keyboard.

We are immensely proud of our Instrumental teachers at Balshaw's, who carry out the tuition with great enthusiasm, skill 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 an extra- curricular programme which includes various bands, "Vocal Band" (Junior Show Choir), Chamber Choir (Advanced Vocals), 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.

Some Instruments may be loaned to students from school depending on availability, with the exception of drum kits, electric guitars & electronic keyboards. We have strong links with local music stores who will offer "**Assisted Pupil 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,

Mrs R Atkinson-Brown

Mrs R Atkinson-Brown | Curriculum Leader - Head of Music

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 approximately 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 kept safe at all times; 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 given notice that lessons will not continue in the next term. Learning conversations will have already taken place at this stage. Students failing to attend 2 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.

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

To:- Mrs R. Atkinson-Brown – Head of Music Department

PERIPATETIC MUSIC CONTRACT

Name.....Form.....

Instrument / voice

I give permission for my child to have peripatetic Music lessons at Balshaw's C of E High School, and agree to the terms and conditions laid out in this package. Yes / No

Signed: _____ *Parent/Guardian/carer.* **Date** _____