

**Application for In-school Music Tuition Academic Year 2025-26**

June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

The time has come to apply for music tuition for the next academic year. Students will have the opportunity to work with specialists in the instrument of their choice; either in an individual lesson or shared with one other student. Lessons are available to all students, regardless of previous experience: we actively encourage those who have not tried an instrument before to do so if they have an interest!

We ask you to opt in at the start of the year and unless you choose to opt out by the dates below, we will assume you will be continuing into the next term; this will help with timetabling and reduce the need for parents to complete multiple forms.

**Spring Term opt in/out: Friday 10th October 2025**

**Summer Term opt in/out: Friday 6th February 2026**

If you would like your child to have instrument or vocal tuition in the Autumn term, please complete this form by **Wednesday 9th July 2025.** [**https://forms.office.com/e/XygQwHFmpEf**](https://forms.office.com/e/XygQwHFmpEf)

Forms received after this date are not guaranteed to be processed in time for the Autumn term cohort.Payments for the autumn will be due by **Friday 26th September 2026** through the My Child at School (MCAS) app. Future payments are then to be made at the beginning of each term.

**Fees for this academic year per term are:**

* **20 minute Shared**: £78.75 per pupil
* **20 minute Shared lesson**: £47.25 per pupil using the **remission** scheme detailed below\*
* **20 minute Individual**: £157.50 per pupil
* **Instrument hire** (optional): £66.00

*\* If your child receives free school meals, you hold an NHS Tax Credit exemption certificate or you receive Universal Credit with a take-home pay of £935 or less, your child is eligible for reduced rate shared lessons and free instrument hire through the remission service. This remission means you will pay just £1.75 for each 20 minute shared lesson (£15.75 per term). Please ensure you provide the correct evidence to support this application. If this is still cost prohibitive, you may apply for further support, thereby reducing the cost to just £7.88 per term.*

There is a guarantee that a minimum of 10 lessons will be offered over the term, or a refund will be provided if these cannot take place. No refund is issued if students are absent or forget to attend a session.

If you have any questions regarding music tuition, please contact me at Claire.franklin@whptrust.org

Yours sincerely

Claire Franklin

Head of Performing Arts: Music and Drama

**Terms and Conditions**

This agreement is between you and The White Hills Park Trust

For the purpose of this agreement “term” refers to one of the following periods

Autumn Term – September to the Christmas Holidays

Spring Term – Christmas Holidays to the Easter Holidays

Summer Term – Easter Holidays to the Summer Holidays

**Tuition**

Our guarantee is that we will offer a minimum of 30 lessons during a full academic year (an average of no fewer than 10 lessons per term). Should we fall short of this guaranteed minimum due to teacher absence, inset or trips we will pro-rata refund or credit normally at the end of the academic year. We are unable to offer refunds or credits for lessons missed by the student.

**Fees**

The prices for the academic year are reviewed annually with the revisions taking effect from September. We will inform you of any increase in fees in the summer term when a new booking form will be required. Fees become due at the beginning of each term on the MCAS App

**Remission**

Remission is supported by Inspire based on 100% attendance each term. Withdrawal from lessons must therefore observe the cancellation procedures detailed below. You are eligible for assistance if your child receives free school meals, you hold an NHS Tax Credit exemption certificate or you receive Universal Credit with a take-home pay of £935 or less. This entitles your child to a 20 minute shared lessons and free instrument hire. Please ensure you provide the correct evidence to support this application to confirm your eligibility (any copies are kept as part of our confidential financial records). However, if this is still cost prohibitive, you may apply to school for further financial support.

**Cancellation Notice**

A student can withdraw from lessons only at the end of a term, advance written notice of withdrawal (an email to Claire.franklin@whptrust.org is acceptable) must be received by **10th October 2025, 6th February 2026** for lessons to terminate at **Christmas, and Easter holidays** respectively. Music tuition is booked and paid for a term in advance therefore, fees are payable up to the end of each term. Please note that once a new term has started then full payment for that term is required. Students in Year 11 may wish to end lessons at Easter (take note of cancellation date above), although they can continue to come into school after exams have finished in non uniform.

**Expectations**

* Students agree to continue with lessons on a regular basis (as timetabled) throughout the academic year. Attend on time, correctly equipped and prepared for each lesson.
* Make every effort to make the best progress possible following the teacher’s instructions during, and between lessons.
* Take all reasonable precautions to make sure that no damage is done to the student’s or anyone else’s instrument or accessories. Any damage occurring to an instrument will be charged to the student/parent/guardian.
* Take a full, regular active part in the groups and ensembles recommended by the teacher and the Head of Music, failing which the tuition may be terminated.
* Inform all subject teachers in advance of the need to leave a particular class for music tuition activities and return promptly to the appropriate class after the music lesson is completed.
* To check the information on Music Lessons Teams and the Notice Board
* Parents/guardians to arrange for adequate insurance cover for any instrument brought into school, whether owned privately or hired from the school or from any other source.