

29th March 2021

Dear Parents and Friends of CHPS,

Musical Instrument Lessons

Music is a much-valued subject at Castle Hill Primary School, not only for its creative, expressive qualities, but also for its positive effects on thinking and learning. Learning to play and persevering with an instrument further enhances these benefits.

At Rooksdown, we currently offer tuition in piano, guitar and violin for our KS2 children. Violin lessons are provided by Hampshire Music Service, while piano and guitar lessons are provided by a private tutor, Lewis Barker. From September 2021, we would also like to offer flute and saxophone lessons through Hampshire Music Service, providing instrumental teachers are available and there is sufficient interest from parents.

Violin, Flute and Saxophone Lessons

Hampshire Music Service stipulates that lessons will be 20 minutes long. There will be no more than 4 children in a group and children will be ability grouped where possible. There will be 30 lessons per academic year. It is the decision of the tutor as to the most effective way to deliver the lessons. Children will need to provide their own instruments (either bought or rented). Hampshire Music Service provides a musical instrument hire service, the details of which can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/hms.

In order to make the necessary arrangements with Hampshire Music Service, we are asking parents for a **firm commitment** to lessons – in either violin, flute or saxophone. Unfortunately, we are unable to subsidise musical instrument lessons. Based on current costs, the charge for instrumental tuition through Hampshire Music Service will be in the region of **£90 per term**. This figure may change slightly depending on the number of children that take up lessons. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals or Pupil Premium and you would like help with music tuition costs, please apply in writing by completing the orange Pupil Premium form and returning it to the school office.

Payment can be made online via your Scopay account or in post-dated cheques. Before making a commitment to taking lessons, please be aware that our school policy states that commitment for tuition is made for a whole academic year, as the school's arrangement with Hampshire Music Service is for provision of teaching for the whole year. **Notice to discontinue music tuition must be in writing and a refund cannot be given unless we are able to fill the place with another child.** This means that even if your child does not continue with their music lessons after the 1st half term, you are still required to **pay the full £270.00 if their place is not filled by another child.**

We will need to know firm commitments by **Friday 23rd April 2021**. Please complete the appropriate slip below and return to school, along with payment. Slips can also be emailed to admin@castlehillprimary.net. If paying by cheque, we will require three post-dated cheques of £90 each, dated 1.9.21, 1.1.22 and 1.4.22. This will ensure tuition is secured for your child from Hampshire Music Service. Any adjustment in cost will be reimbursed to you once we know the exact figure. Payment not received in advance will be interpreted as lessons not being required.



Hampshire Music Service have put together some videos to showcase the instruments. These can be found at the following links:

Violin: <https://youtu.be/w0euXFcNp3A>

Flute and Saxophone: <https://youtu.be/LPeVid5GCn0>

Piano and Guitar Lessons

Lewis Barker offers a range of lesson types, depending on individual requirements. These include small group lessons for guitar (3 or more pupils for 30 minutes, costing £9.60 per session) and piano (2 pupils for 30 minutes, costing £13.20 per session), as well as individual lessons (20 minutes, costing £16.00 per session).

The minimum commitment and charge is for one term, paid in advance. Payments are made directly to Lewis Barker. The number of weekly sessions will vary depending on the length of each term. Lessons will be taught during school hours.

Lewis will be able to advise further on the purchase or hire of instruments.

If you wish your child to have lessons in either piano or guitar, please complete the appropriate slip below and return to school by **Friday 23rd April 2021**.

Yours sincerely,

Mr JDF Martin
Headteacher

Mrs J Hartley
Music Lead (Rooksdown)

Violin, Flute and Saxophone Lessons

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In the event that the school is closed, please email the slip to admin@castlehillprimary.net.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Please tick the following:

Instrument requested: violin () flute () saxophone ()

I have made three payments of £90 using Scopay ()

or

Three post-dated cheques of £90 each ()
(dated 1.9.21 / 1.1.22 / 1.4.22)

Cheques payable to 'Hampshire County Council'

I understand that payment will ensure tuition is booked, subject to availability by Hampshire Music Service. If Hampshire Music Service are not able to provide the booking, the monies will be returned in full.

I understand that notice to discontinue music tuition must be in writing and a refund cannot be given unless we are able to fill the place with another child.

Parent/Carer's signature: _____

Print: _____ Date: _____



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Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Instrument choice (pleas tick): piano/keyboard [] guitar []

I give consent for my email address to be passed on to Lewis Barker so that payment and confirmation can be arranged.

Email address: _____

Parent/Carer's signature: _____

Print: _____ Date: _____