



March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Fao: Parents and Carers of Year 7 pupils starting at Durham Johnston School in September 2022 and who are currently receiving tuition from Durham Music Service

As a school, through the Durham Music Service (DMS), we are delighted to be in a position to offer a wide range of musical tuition as part of the school's extended musical experience.

DMS makes a direct charge to parents/carers for lessons, and this covers approximately one third of the overall cost at this school. Durham Johnson pays for over half the total cost with the remainder being subsidised by Durham Music Service using the DFE funding through Arts Council England (instrument hire is dealt with directly by DMS).

As you will appreciate, finances in school are exceptionally tight, and so from September 2016 it was agreed that we would implement an additional charge per student, per term, to all pupils receiving DMS tuition, to help cover part of schools contribution to the tuition of your child. Even with the cost charged by DMS and this additional contribution, the lessons in school are still cheaper than private tuition. This has worked well and it enabled us to maintain a stable level of provision.

This additional charge will now be included in your termly bill from DMS and collected in one payment along with your current contribution, so rather than making two payments (one to DMS and one to school) you will make a single payment. The extra payment will be approximately 33% of the DMS termly charge, which currently works out at about £20 per term. **Please note that there will continue to be no charge for pupils on Free School Meals and that the extra charge will not be levied on the parents of year 7 pupils until their second term at Durham Johnston School.**

If your child currently receives tuition from Durham Music Service, please would you be kind enough to return the reply slip below to school with the data forms. If you have any questions or comments about this arrangement, please contact me, Mr Holmes (Subject Leader for Music) or Durham Music Service DurhamMusicService@durham.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

A J O'Sullivan
Head Teacher

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Durham Music Service Tuition Costs from September 2022- Durham Johnston School

I acknowledge receipt of the letter and agree to pay the additional charge from January 2023.

Name of Pupil Voice/Instrument/s.....

Signature of Parent or Carer Date.....



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