



SELWOOD ACADEMY
ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

Instrumental Lessons 2021-22

We are very pleased that your child has shown an interest in learning a musical instrument at Selwood Academy. Selwood has a fantastic team of self-employed peripatetic teachers that come in weekly to deliver expert singing and instrumental lessons. They each have a wealth of experience in their field and work exceptionally to support our pupil's musical development. Learning an instrument can be a very rewarding thing to do, not only are there obvious benefits to musicality, the evidence suggests that people who play regularly can improve their cognitive functions, fine motor skills, team skills and emotional intelligence.

Lessons are organised on a weekly rotational basis so the same lesson is not being missed every week. Pupils are expected to copy up work they have missed from classroom lessons and find out about any homework that has been set. We expect pupils to check their timetables and arrive promptly for their lessons but if your child is unable to attend their music lesson or will be off school for a period of absence, please inform the teacher directly.

Payments and contracts for instrumental lessons will go **directly between the instrumental/singing teacher and parent**. Therefore, if you want to sign your child up for lessons, or would like more information about specific lessons, please contact the teacher on the number/email provided below. Please note lessons are usually charged in 10 week blocks termly. Please do not delay as the sooner you get in touch, the sooner your son/daughters lessons can begin.

| Instrument | Teacher | Contact Details | Cost (<i>estimates – please check prior to booking</i>) |
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| Guitar & Ukulele (electric, acoustic, bass) | Mr Alex Veale | Email: vealeguitar@gmail.com Phone: 07855948657 | £10.33 per 20min 1-1 lesson £5.16 per 20min shared lesson |
| Woodwind (Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute & Recorder) | Mrs Mary Hooper | Email: mary.hooper@virgin.net Phone: 07732948311 | £10.66 per 20min 1-1 lesson £5.33 per 20min shared lesson <i>(30min lessons also available)</i> |
| Piano & Brass (trumpet, trombone, horn...) | Ms Sue Avison | Email: susanavison@btinternet.com | £11 per 20min 1-1 lesson <i>(Shared and 30-minute lessons may also available on request.)</i> |

'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16

Head Teacher: Mr Daniel Jeffries BA(Hons) MA NPQH

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| Singing | Waiting list in place for new teacher, please contact Mrs Hampson on ehampson@educ.somerset.gov.uk to be added to waiting list and for updates. | | |
| Drum Kit & Percussion | Mr John Joy | Email: john@johnjoydrumlessons.com | £11 per 20min 1-1 lesson <i>(Shared and 30-minute lessons may also available on request.)</i> |
| Strings (Violin, Viola & Cello) | Waiting list in place for new teacher, please contact Mrs Hampson on ehampson@educ.somerset.gov.uk to be added to waiting list and for updates. | | |

Please note that the fees listed on this sheet may have changed – you should check what the relevant teacher charges when you contact them. Shared lessons will rely on availability with other pupils choosing this option.

I would like to assure you that despite peripatetic teachers working on a self-employed basis, the Academy commits to ensuring all safer recruitment processes are followed and we still expect all to go through the necessary checks including DBS.

If you need to hire an instrument, this can be done directly with Somerset County Council via their website. Alternatively, there are local music shops that hire instruments such as Sounds of Frome, All Instruments in Westbury and Packers in Taunton. Some instruments come in different sizes so it is suggested that the child meets with your peripatetic music teacher prior to lessons starting to be advised of size before hiring an instrument.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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