



SELWOOD ACADEMY
ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

Information about Music Tuition at Selwood Academy 2020-2021

We are very pleased that your child has shown an interest in learning a musical instrument at Selwood Academy.

At present, we offer tuition the following instruments: piano, drum kit, clarinet, flute, recorder, saxophone and brass instruments. We also currently have a waiting list open for guitar (acoustic or electric) bass guitar, violin, cello, double bass and singing lessons.

Please ask if there are any other instruments your child would like to learn and if there is enough demand, lessons on other instruments could be arranged.

Pupils can have shared or individual lessons (depending on group bubbles and availability) and these can last for 20 or 30 minutes. Lessons are paid for in blocks, with 10 lessons per term and the school issues an invoice in advance of each term and lessons must be paid for via ParentPay before lessons can take place. Please see an outline of the costs of lessons below:

Time	20min shared	20min individual	30min individual
Cost per lesson (approx.)	£6.01	£10.91	£16.01
Cost per term (10-week block)	£60.10	£109.10	£160.10

Lessons are normally organised on a weekly rotational basis and students are expected to copy up work they have missed from classroom lessons.

We expect pupils to check their timetables and arrive promptly for their lessons but if your child is unable to attend their music lesson please inform the school so that the lesson can be rearranged if at all possible. In the event of a prolonged period of absence please contact the school for information.

If you need to hire an instrument, this can be done direct 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.

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

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment

Some instruments come in different sizes so it is suggested that the child meets with Mrs Hampson, Head of Music, or the peripatetic music teacher prior to lessons starting to be advised of size before hiring an instrument. Please contact the school to arrange this if required.

We strongly encourage parents to listen to their child play and ensure they practise regularly. Your child will also be provided with a practise diary for you to use and keep in contact with their teacher.

If you would like to apply for lessons for your child, please fill in the attached application form in the first instance and return it to Selwood Academy. You will be informed of lesson availability soon after your application has been received. A contract and invoice will be sent in time for lessons to begin should there be any availability. If you have any queries or wish to discuss this further please contact Selwood Academy on 01373 462798.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Hampson
Head of Music