



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

## 'Doing our best for God'

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

From September, we will no longer be able to offer the Wider Opps for children in Year 4. The Wider Opps is when Blackpool Music Service teach the whole class an instrument free of charge for parents. This decision has not been made lightly and is unfortunately based on budgetary restrictions.

However, we will still be in a position to offer small group lessons for both violin and brass. Lessons take place in school time, are in small groups, and are delivered by music teachers from Blackpool Music Service.

Any child who wants to learn will be loaned an instrument and expected to take good care of it, remember to bring it in every week and practise at home.

There will be a charge of £6 per lesson, payable half termly. This is an increase of £1.00 per lesson to what we have previously charged, however this still compares very favourably to the normal cost for a 20 minute lesson with a private music teacher. The standard charge would be in the region of £10 per lesson.

The expectation would be that your child makes a commitment to lessons for the whole school year. However, if your child chooses not to, you must give one whole term's notice to the office.

The options are:

| Instrument | Day of lesson | BMS teacher |
|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Violin     | Wednesday     | Mrs Jackson |
| Brass      | Wednesday     | Mrs Doyle   |

If you would like your child to begin lessons from September, please complete the Google Form [here](#) by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Yours sincerely,

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