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Dear Parent/Carer

**Music lessons at Walmsley Primary School**

I am pleased to let you know that lessons in **Brass, Guitar, Drums, Piano/Keyboard, Flute, Clarinet, Violin and Cello** are now available to book for your child ready for this September.

**How does my child sign-up for instrumental lessons at school?**

Bolton Music Service's '**Music Service Direct**' scheme teaches the specialised skills which children need to develop their musical potential. When you sign up for instrumental lessons through Music Service Direct, your child will receive:

- A weekly 20 minute lesson in school on their own or shared with a maximum of two other pupils.
- The chance to hire a musical instrument for a small additional monthly payment.
- The chance to become a member of our Music Centre - where your child can join bands, choirs and orchestras each week according to their instrument and standard. There are many groups and ensembles, catering for different ability levels, at both Bolton and Blackburn with Darwen Music Centres. When your son/daughter is ready, their teacher will recommend joining a group. Playing in an ensemble with others is both musically rewarding and great fun!
- An opportunity to be entered for Trinity music examinations (Grades 1-8).
- For Parents/Carers, the opportunity to combine payments into one monthly Direct Debit over 9 months.

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Chief Executive **Tony Oakman**

## Introduction to Musical Instruments videos

<http://boltonmusicservice.com/> - Click the link to find out more about each instrument.

## How to Register

To reserve your child's place on the 'Music Service Direct' programme, please go to [www.boltonmusicservice.com](http://www.boltonmusicservice.com) and visit the 'Parents and Pupils' page. Please contact our office on 01204 333533 if you have any questions about the scheme.

## Music Service Direct (MSD) Charges 2024/2025

### Weekly Music Lessons Cost

	<b>Without</b> Instrument Hire (Monthly cost over 9 Months)	<b>With</b> Instrument Hire (Monthly cost over 9 Months)
■ Weekly <b>shared</b> lesson in school, 2 or 3 pupils (20 mins)	<b>£25</b>	<b>£33.50</b>
■ Weekly <b>individual</b> lesson in school (20 mins)	<b>£50</b>	<b>£58.50</b>

As a member of Bolton Music Service, your child will be encouraged to:

- practise their instrument regularly
- take part in ensembles and concerts
- take music exams when they have reached the required level
- be part of a wide network of young musicians in the Bolton and Blackburn with Darwen areas

There are many benefits; social and academic, gained by learning to play an instrument and it is a skill which will then stay with your child for life.

If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

With many thanks,

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