

National Plan For Music

Schools should aim high with their music provision, to embed and exceed the national curriculum and to support their pupils to realise their musical potential. **A high-quality school music education consists of three distinct, but interlinked areas of provision.**

- Curriculum music, compulsory from key stages 1-3, then optional for examination classes (e.g. GCSE, vocational and technical qualifications and A level).
- Instrumental and vocal lessons, and ensemble membership.
- Musical events and opportunities, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

Instrumental Lessons – Terms & Conditions

September 2025

- **CHOIR** – Current year 2 children (who will be in year 3 from September) can apply to join the choir. They will be invited to audition in the first rehearsal.
- **NEW MUSIC CLUB** – This is a new club which runs after school and gives children the opportunity to try various instruments. The emphasis for this club is having fun and working together. This will cost £4 per week.
- **CLUBS** – There is a charge of £5 for all other clubs (with the exception of choir). Clubs finish at 4pm and children will need to be collected from the entrance to the school office promptly at this time. Choir finishes at 4:15pm – again, collection from outside the office please.
- Lessons take place during the school day from 9.15am until 3.15pm. This includes classroom lesson time, playtime and lunch.
- Lessons are normally solo and last for 20 minutes. Paired lessons might be available if there are enough children wishing to work that way. Solo lessons are currently £9 and a paired lesson will be £6. Please indicate if you would like your child to be taught as part of a pair (if possible) or solo.
- Lessons operate on a two-week rota system; this means that the children do not have their lesson at the same time each week.
- **GRADES** – It is possible for your child to take examinations as part of their instrumental studies, but this will be at the cost of parents if they wish to do this. Please contact Mr Trantum for further information.
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- Y3/4/5 children have their lessons between the times shown above. Year 6 children have their instrumental lessons between 12pm and 3.15pm
- Payments are made in six instalments at the start of each half-term. Payment dates are shortly after the start of the half-term. Failure to meet the payment date can result in lessons stopping until the full payment is made. (A half-term may include 6 lessons, so the maximum payment due would be £54 at the current rate.) Any rental fees would be in addition to this. If you wish lessons to stop, an email must be sent to Mr Trantum before the end of the half term.

- We currently have 5 highly experienced instrumental tutors delivering the lessons. Your instrumental payment is their income and payment for their time. Please make your payments promptly when contacted.
- **If the tutor is absent, we will refund the cost of the lesson in the following term's payment or arrange for a catch up lesson if possible.** If your child is ill or their class/year group is on a trip or participating in an activity, we still pay the tutor for attending school. By maintaining the tutor's hours each week, we give them financial stability and in return we demand a quality learning experience for the children. The very nature of a primary school means that occasionally your child will miss a lesson for some reason. We will aim to keep this to a minimum. The full quota of half-termly lessons requires the full payment of the fee. **If more than 50 % of the tutor's pupils are out of school, we will try to reschedule the lesson.** Please contact Mr Trantum if you have any concerns with regards your child missing their instrumental lesson. n.trantum@wohp.omegamat.co.uk
- A tutor book will be required in some cases and must be purchased before the end of the first half-term.
- Lessons take place in a variety of locations around the school. Lessons are monitored by Mr Trantum.
- There is an annual music evening at which many of the children perform. Please note that in the run up to the Music Evening some children will have larger group lessons of a longer duration.
- Timetables for lesson times are displayed within each of the KS2 classrooms.
- The school has some violins, guitars, flutes, and clarinets for hire at £5 per half-term. School instruments must not be taken out of the UK.
- Instrumental lessons currently available – Drums, Keyboard, Guitar, Flute, Ukulele, Clarinet, Saxophone and Violin. Some instruments have limited spaces.
- New Starters - **Please do not purchase an instrument until your child's place has been confirmed.**
- Information regarding instrument choice can be obtained from Mr Trantum via school email. n.trantum@wohp.omegamat.co.uk
- **We suggest that children study their instrument for at least 5-10 minutes each day. A musical habit needs to be established for success.**
- To avoid any damage to guitars/ukuleles, the children should not bring their guitars into school each week. They will be able to use the school's guitars for their lessons. Guitars may be brought in occasionally to be tuned but must be stored safely in the classroom or with Mr Trantum.
- Children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding may be able to access these funds for instrumental lessons. Please contact Mr Trantum or the school office if you think this might apply to your child.
- Places will be confirmed over the summer holidays, to begin in early September.



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