

Appendices B Terms & Conditions

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

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- 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 £8 and a paired lesson will be approximately £5.50. 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. Please contact Mr Oates for further information. j.oates@wohp.omegamat.co.uk
- 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 payment due would be £48 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 Oates before the end of the half term.
- We currently have 6 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 Oates if you have any concerns with regards your child missing their instrumental lesson.

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- A tutor book will be required in most 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 Oates who is the line manager for the instrumental tutors.
- 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.
- Orchestra is open to Y5/6 children who have reached the required standard. Able children from Y3/Y4 may also be asked to attend orchestra. Membership into the orchestra is staggered to allow for the demand new members place upon the group.
- The school has some violins, flutes, and clarinets for hire at £4 per half-term. School instruments must not be taken out of the UK.
- Instrumental lessons currently available – Drums, Keyboard, Guitar, Flute, Ukulele, Clarinet 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 Oates via school email.
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- **If the children do not study their instrument for at least 5-10 minutes each day they will not make progress! 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 Oates.
- Children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding may be able to access these funds for instrumental lessons. Please contact the Mr Oates if you think this might apply to your child.



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