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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Instrumental Lessons - Terms & Conditions September 2019

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- Lessons take place during the school day from 10.45am until 3.15pm. This includes lesson time and playtime/lunch.
- Lessons are normally paired and last for 20 minutes. In some cases it may be possible to have a 25 minute solo lesson when the tutor feels this would benefit a very able child. A single child will have a 15 minute lesson.
- Lessons operate on a rota system; this means that the children do not have their lesson at the same time each week. If the class teacher is concerned about any particular time then they inform Mr Oates and every effort is made, within reason, to correct the issue.
- Y3/4 children have their lessons between the times shown in 1 above. Year 5/6 children have their music lessons between 12pm and 3.15pm
- Lessons currently cost £4.95 per week. Payments are made in three instalments at the start of each term. Payment dates are shortly after the start of the term. Failure to meet the payment date can result in lessons stopping until the full payment is made. (A term may include 12 lessons so the payment due would be £59.40.)
- We currently have 7 instrumental tutors delivering the lessons. Your instrumental payment is their income and payment for their time. Please make your payments promptly.
- If the tutor is absent we will refund the cost of the lesson in the following term's payment. **This is the only time we will make a repayment.** If your child's class or year group is on a trip or participating in an activity, we still have to pay the tutor for their time in school. We want to provide a high quality experience for your child and to do this we require experienced tutors. By maintaining the tutors 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 as a result of a trip or activity. We will aim to keep this to a minimum but if it happens you are still required to fund the lesson. We hope that you will balance this with the fact that if your child was to have lessons outside school you would probably pay more for weekly tuition and also have the added cost of transport and time. The full quota of 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.
- A tutor book will be required and must be purchased before the end of the first term.
- Lessons take place in a variety of locations around the school. Lessons are monitored by Mr Oates. If you have any concerns regarding instrumental lessons then please email Mr Oates.
- There is an annual music evening at which many of the children perform.
- Guitar students may not have the same tutor each year. After two years tuition the children will change their tutor if there are two or more tutors for that instrument.
- Timetables for lesson times are displayed within each of the KS2 classrooms.
- Orchestra is open to Y5/6 children and able children from Y4. Membership into the orchestra is staggered to allow for the demands new members place upon the group.
- The school has some violins, flutes and clarinets for hire at £8 per term. School instruments must not be taken out of the UK.
- (Instrumental lessons currently available – Drums, Keyboard, Guitar, Flute, Clarinet and Violin. Some instruments have fewer available 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 the tutors or Mr Oates via school email. joates@westbrookoldhall.co.uk Please also check the school's music web page www.westbrookoldhall.co.uk/music
- **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 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 use these funds for instrumental lessons. Please contact the school office to see if this applies.



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