

St Francis' Catholic Primary School



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Ensuring for all an excellent child-centred education within a Christ-centred philosophy

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TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN CURRENTLY IN YEARS 2, 3, 4 AND 5

Dear Parents

MUSIC LESSONS WITH NORTH SOMERSET MUSIC SERVICE

This is the time of year when children are given the opportunity to enrol for music tuition from September. If you wish your child to receive group lessons in school from the North Somerset Music Service during the next academic year, or to continue with lessons, please complete the form below and **return no later than Friday 17 June.**

We are offering tuition in drums, flute, guitar, saxophone, and violin. Lessons are in small groups of two to four children and take place during lunchtime or afternoons. The charge for 12 lessons in terms 1 and 2 will be approximately £68.00 (to be confirmed by North Somerset shortly). There is also a small additional outlay from parents for music books.

Parents will need to provide instruments for children taking lessons. Assisted purchase schemes are available through Nailsea Music Shop (01275 855021) and Clevedon Music Shop (01275 342090), which allows 3 months' loan before you have to buy or return the instrument. Another option is the possibility of hiring an instrument directly from the Music Service on 01934 426430 – the cost is between £16 to £25 payable 3 times a year. If you wish to hire an instrument from the Music Service please contact them before September to ensure that the instrument you require is available for the Autumn term.

Please do not purchase or arrange hire of instruments until we have confirmation that there is sufficient interest to offer your child's chosen instrument next year.

Invoices, payable through ParentPay are sent out in September, January and April and need to be paid **within 14 days** of the invoice date. There is **no** refund for pupil absence (due to trips or illness) or for withdrawal but lessons missed by the music teacher through teacher illness or training will be made up.

It is anticipated your child will be learning the instrument for the whole of the academic year 2018/19. However, if your child wishes to withdraw, notice must be given to the Office by the following dates;

To cease lessons in the Spring Term
To cease lessons in the Summer Term

Notice required by Friday 26 October 2018
Notice required by Friday 15 February 2019

If notice is not given by these dates, you will be responsible for the payment of either the full Spring/Summer term fees, as the music time will have been booked with the Music Service.

Practice at home is necessary to progress (about five to ten minutes a day at first). However, learning is also fun and children gain immensely from playing an instrument, both from the discipline of learning and also socially from playing together. Many of our children who learn an instrument progress to join our school orchestra.

If you have any questions, please contact me through the Office or speak with Mrs Lumsden.

Yours sincerely
Catherine Hunt

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REPLY SLIP – To be returned by Friday 17 JUNE

My child is interested in learning to play / wishes to continue to play

Violin ()

Guitar ()

Flute ()

Saxophone ()

Drum ()

(please tick chosen instrument)

Signed: _____

Child: _____

Current Yr: _____