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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 Monday 20 June.**

We are offering tuition in drums, flute, guitar and saxophone. Lessons are in small groups of two to four children and take place during lunchtime or afternoons. The charge for 11 lessons in terms 1 and 2 will be £71.50 (based on 10 minute sessions being charged per child). 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 £18.45 to £26.50 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 2022/2023. However, if your child wishes to withdraw, five weeks' term time notice must be given to the Office. **It is no longer possible to withdraw from lessons in the first week of a new term, unless 5 weeks' notice (in term time) has been given.** However, this system does increase flexibility as parents are no longer tied into the old school terms of Autumn, Spring and Summer.

If sufficient notice is not given, you will be responsible for the payment of the five week notice period, 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 the Office.

Yours sincerely
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REPLY SLIP – To be returned by Monday 20 JUNE

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

Guitar ()

Flute ()

Saxophone ()

Drum ()

(please tick chosen instrument)

Signed: _____ Child: _____ Current Yr: ____