



## ELM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### To parents of children in Years 2 - 5

Dear Parents,

We are putting together lists for children wanting either to continue with their musical tuition, or to take up/change an instrument. The following instruments are currently available from South Gloucestershire Music Service:

Guitar  
Violin/Viola

Keyboard  
Brass (Trumpet/Cornet/Trombone/Horn)

Recorder

Clarinet  
Flute

Cello

A limited range of instruments are available to be hired directly to the parents on a two termly basis. These instruments are suitable for beginners and have enabled many students to start lessons on a good quality instrument without having to buy one straight away. This has previously proved very popular with parents. Full details are on the website [www.southglos.gov.uk/musicservice](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/musicservice)

We also have private music tutors who offer the following: Drums, Harmonica and Violin. These lessons are priced differently to South Gloucestershire (details can be obtained directly from the tutors via the school office). If you would like to take up one of these instruments, please also indicate on the slip attached.

Tuition takes place mainly during the school day, but is additional to the curriculum. Parents therefore are expected to pay for the costs of tuition. For children to fully enjoy learning to play an instrument it is recommended that they take lessons for a full year. Children can opt for a shared lesson with one other child for half an hour (£9.11 per lesson) or have an individual 20 minute lesson (£12.14 per lesson). There are 11 lessons in Terms 1 and 2 (from September to Christmas), therefore the cost will be £100.21 for a shared lesson and £133.54 for an individual lesson. Flute and Brass lessons can be taught in a group of 3 at a set price of £66.87 for 11 lessons. (Group and shared lessons will be dependent on numbers – **we will only be able to offer the group/shared lesson if we have a minimum of 3 (group) or 2 (shared) children. Please inform the school office if you wish either of these options in order that we can calculate whether it will be viable before you make a payment on Agora**). As we have to book the South Gloucestershire Music Service tuition in advance, we must also ask for this payment in advance.

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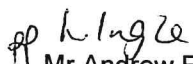
Once started, should your child wish to give up lessons, please let me know in writing before the end of Term 2 as this will have implications for Music Teachers time, and as a school, we would be liable to pay for the teachers' time if we do not give them notice.

If you decide to buy an instrument, it may be possible to purchase through the school at a discounted price. Please enquire at the school office.

If your child would like to take up an instrument or continue with one, please complete and return the slip by Friday **22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 at the very latest**. Any requests received after this date may not be accepted. Once slips have been received, you will be requested via text to make your payment for 11 lessons via Agora. There will be a deadline for this payment of Friday **29<sup>th</sup> June 2018**.

Please contact the school office should you need any further information. I encourage all children to give an instrument a go at some time in Key Stage 2.

Yours sincerely

  
Mr Andrew Evans  
Headteacher

### Music Tuition – Reply Slip

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in my child having lessons in the following instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish my child to continue having \_\_\_\_\_ lessons.

- £66.87 for a half an hour group lesson for Terms 1 and 2 (11 lessons)
- £100.21 for a half an hour shared lesson for Terms 1 and 2 (11 lessons)
- £133.54 for a 20 minute individual lesson for Terms 1 and 2 (11 lessons)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer)