

September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION AT GRENEWAY SCHOOL

It is possible for us to arrange for your child to receive special tuition on one or more instruments during school time. This is in addition to the normal school musical activities which include Choir, Orchestra and Recorder clubs. A half termly timetable operates so that pupils do not miss the same part of the school timetable for each consecutive half term.

The lessons are given by visiting music teachers contracted by Hertfordshire Music Service for the particular children requiring lessons. **Fees for music lessons are payable at the start of each term and half a term's notice in writing is needed to terminate the lessons.** With less than half a term's notice, you will be charged for the subsequent half term's lessons.

The majority of lessons given are 20 minute individual lessons. When possible, the lessons are arranged so that two pupils of similar ability are taught together for 30 minutes which has advantages over a twenty minute solo lesson as it increases the contact time with the teacher. The availability of shared lessons does depend on the number of pupils learning that instrument and their individual ability.

Over a school year children will receive thirty-three music lessons. In some school terms they may receive more than eleven lessons and in other terms fewer than eleven. You will be credited at **the end of the academic year** for lessons from which the teacher was absent and that have not been made up. It is not possible to give credit for lessons from which the pupil was absent due to for example, illness, appointments, school visits and journeys.

Tuition is available on the following instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, cornet, horn, trombone, violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar (electric & acoustic), drum kit, piano, keyboard, singing lessons and all sizes of recorder beginner to grade 8. Each child will need an instrument on which to practice and receive lessons. Some tuition classes may have a waiting list in operation.

An important part of learning an instrument is playing in a group. This develops ensemble, rhythm and music reading skills, as well as being enjoyable. When committing themselves to learning an instrument, children should understand that they should be prepared to begin playing with the school orchestra within about twelve months.

If you are interested in music lessons for your child at Greneway, please complete the attached form and return to the school office. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries on 01763 243650 Ext 204.

Yours sincerely



Shaunaid Crosby
Leader of Music

MUSIC TUITION FEES Sept 2016 – July 2017

Termly fee for 20 minute individual lessons £137.00

Termly fee for 30 minute individual lessons £205.00

Termly fee for 30 minute shared lessons £ 103.00