



♪ TERMS & CONDITIONS ♪

1. **The responsibility of checking lesson times falls with your child.** Please ensure they are aware that they need to check the timetable for their instrument on Teams (PHGS Peripatetic Music Lessons) each week for their time and that they must not miss a lesson or be late.
2. Lessons operate on a rotating basis to avoid students missing the same curriculum lesson each week. Lesson times are put up in advance, so any problems can be sorted out before the day itself. Lessons last for 20 minutes and are often shared with one other student (occasionally two).
3. We expect students to see a Music teacher or their instrumental/voice tutor if they will not be able to attend a lesson (due to an exam, off-site learning or other unusual event), so that their time can be re-arranged (where possible).
4. Our tutors are highly qualified and are expected to provide a minimum number of lessons. We will endeavor to provide a **minimum of 32 lessons per year** for each student taking lessons.
5. When students bring their own instrument to school, they may store it in the Music Department during the day. Please note: **the instrument is not covered under the school insurance policy** and you must ensure that you have adequate cover.
6. If your child does not yet have an instrument, we may be able to source it for you at a cheaper price; please ask for details. We encourage all students to own their own instrument, as we only have a limited supply (some of which can be hired out for a termly fee – please contact us for details).
7. Please ensure that your child **labels their instrument clearly** with their name, so confusion and lost instruments can be avoided.
8. For their weekly lesson, students must request permission from their subject teacher for that period to leave and then return promptly at the end of the music lesson. Subject teachers are used to children asking to go for music lessons during curriculum time, but students must catch up on any work missed.
9. When your child reaches a suitable standard, we expect them to **take part in one or more of our extra-curricular bands/choirs.** This will enable them to get the most out of making music with others.
10. Those taking **singing lessons** are expected to join either Sing Up!, Only Boys Aloud (Y7/8) or Senior Choir (Y9+).
11. Year 11 and Year 13 GCSE and A level students will stop receiving their subsidised lessons once they have completed their performance components (usually in March), unless they have an external music grade examination after this time.

12. Please ensure that lessons are paid for promptly before the start of the year (full fee), or at the end of each term. If lessons are not paid for by the end of each term, **students will be withdrawn from the lessons.**
13. Lessons currently cost £100 per instrument, per term. If you are currently in receipt of free school meals AND your household income is less than £7,400 per annum, you are entitled to a 75% discount (£75 for the full year). Please notify school if you believe you are entitled to the subsidised rate.
14. Poor attendance at lessons could result in lessons being withdrawn.
15. **Finally, if you wish to withdraw your child from the lessons at any stage, you must inform one of the Music team in writing via email as soon as possible, as other students on the waiting list may miss out on lessons as a result of this. You will, however, still be liable for payment of fees for the full year if we are unable to fill your child's place from our waiting list.**

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