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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter only applies to children in Y4, 5 and 6 in September 2026. Children joining us in Y3 will be introduced to different instruments in class music lessons.

I am writing to you to share the exciting opportunities, we have on offer at school in the Music department from this September. We are very excited to already have planned in a busy concert programme next year to share the skills of our talented children.

In recent weeks, the children have enjoyed assemblies by those currently having lessons, which has given them an insight into what instruments we have on offer. It has been fantastic to see the children's enthusiasm and I look forward to seeing a new wave of talent coming through the school, in September.

We continue to offer a wide range of instruments, as well as ensemble opportunities for those learning an instrument.

Instrument	Teacher
Violin	Mrs Defilet
Cello	Mr Lockyer
Clarinet/Saxophone/Flute	Mrs Dales-Bull
Toots/Doods/Jsaxes	Mrs Dales-Bull
Guitar/Ukulele	Mr Palmer
Keyboard/Piano	Mr Simmons
Drums	Mr Evans
Trumpet/Trombone	Mr Smith
Singing	Mrs Dales-Bull
Bassoon (currently only available for existing pupils)	Miss Phillips

Important Information About Music Lessons

Before signing your child up for music lessons, please be aware that this is a partnership between parents, pupils and the school.

To make the best possible progress, pupils are encouraged to practise regularly at home. Music lessons are intended for teaching and developing new skills rather than for practice alone. While many families wish for their children to work towards examinations, meaningful progress towards these goals is only possible with consistent practice between lessons.



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart" Colossians 3:23

As a guide, we recommend a minimum of three practice sessions per week. If you feel unable to support this commitment, we kindly ask that you consider carefully before enrolling your child.

We also do not generally recommend that pupils sign up for school music lessons if they are already receiving lessons on the same instrument outside of school. As lesson places are limited, we aim to provide opportunities for as many children as possible to access instrumental tuition.

Please also note that music lesson fees are non-refundable once a term has begun. If you wish to discontinue lessons, notice must be given by the cancellation dates listed below. **We are unable to offer refunds for lessons cancelled part-way through a term.**

Invoices for instrumental lessons are issued at least four weeks before the start of each payment period and must be paid by the stated due date. Prompt payment helps us to secure teaching provision and minimise administrative costs.

If payment has not been received by the due date, a reminder will be issued. Where payment remains outstanding, the school reserves the right to suspend or withdraw lessons until the account has been brought up to date. Continued non-payment may result in the pupil's lesson place being withdrawn.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Your support plays a vital role in helping our young musicians succeed and enjoy their musical journey.

Brass Lessons:

Next year, we will be offering subsidised brass lessons for new starters to the trumpet or trombone. The Autumn offer will be **£20 for 11 lessons including free hire of an instrument.**

When the children move into the Spring term, the price would then be £30 for 11 lessons, plus the hire of an instrument for £20. I am anticipating this offer to be extremely popular based on the uptake when we offered the same introductory package in previous years. Please be advised that numbers will be limited and priority will firstly be given to those children who currently don't learn an instrument at school. Children will eventually be invited to be apart of the school brass ensemble



Starter Woodwind:

Some of you may be wondering what a Toot, Dood or JSax is! These instruments are a starter instrument for the clarinet, flute or saxophone, however, as an introduction to woodwind, they are much more cost effective! We have been using these instruments for the past few years with huge success. Many of the children have now progressed on to the 'real woodwind' option. They are brightly coloured and the children have loved choosing which one to purchase.

The children who are moving into Year 5, may now be ready to move on to a woodwind instrument so please let us know if you would like any advice on what to move on to. I know that the children have loved Mrs D-B's demonstrations in lessons! **Please note that Year 5 can continue with their starter woodwind, should they wish to.**

If your child chooses to start an instrument, the following guidance **MUST** be adhered to.

- Your child must have their own instrument. This includes drum sticks. We can not provide or share instruments at school. If purchasing a Toot/Dood/Jsax or woodwind instrument, I highly recommend <http://www.music-corner.co.uk> This is a local shop in Wimborne.
- Play it again UK (based at Absolute Music) is another reputable, local company, offering excellent deals on woodwind instruments.
- Children can only learn **ONE** instrument at school unless previously agreed. This is due to high number of pupils taking instrumental lessons. Lessons are held during the school day.
- We only offer group lessons with the exception of drums.
- Lessons can only be started at the beginning of a term. The instrumental timetable is a complex one so adjustments are not always easy to make. Please note that we can not take individual requests to avoid break times or certain lessons. We have many parameters to work around when writing the timetables.

Lessons are £8.50 for a 20-minute shared lesson with the exception of drums which are £11 for an individual 15 minute lesson.

We plan to start lessons from the week beginning 21 September for 11 weeks.

To sign up to instrumental lessons, please use the following link: [Instrument Lesson Sign Up](#)

You will need to complete the above form if you wish to start a new instrument and if you wish to continue current lessons.

Please see attached the BPSP instrumental contract, which is also on our website. You will need to tick the box on the above form, to acknowledge you have read and agree to the terms and conditions.

All applications must be received by 9am Monday 6 July. Lessons are incredibly popular and we have limited places assigned to each teacher, so we are very unlikely to have spaces after this date.

If your child is successful in gaining a place, we will inform you by Wednesday 15 July. A deposit of £40.00 (£20 full payment for brass) will then need to be made on Arbor by Friday 17 July to secure your child's place and the remaining balance will be requested in September.

Notice to stop lessons

If your child wishes to stop lessons at any point in the year, the following cancellation dates must be adhered to. You will liable for payment for the next term, should the request be after these dates.

Request to stop Spring term lessons	Monday, 30 November
Request to stop Summer term lessons	Monday, 15 March

Ensembles

We have many opportunities for the children to be apart of different ensembles. Invitations to these groups will be sent out in September.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, through the school office.

Kind regards,

Sarah Talbot

Music Leader