



FOXHILLS FEDERATION

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Hampshire Music Service Instrumental Lessons

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to ensure that you are aware that your child has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument with Hampshire Music Service. At this time of year, we are reviewing the demand for instrumental lessons next year, and making our request to Hampshire Music Service for the allocation of music teacher time that we anticipate needing. Therefore, I am keen to ensure that all who want to learn a musical instrument next year have made us aware of this fact, so that adequate teacher time is assigned to our school.

Learning a musical instrument is proven to:

- Improve academic attainment
- Improve self confidence
- Improve memory
- Improve fine motor skills
- Improve social skills
- Reduce stress and anxiety
- Foster perseverance and patience
- Develop creativity

Hampshire Music Service is a Lead Music Hub nationally. As pupils at an Hampshire school, your children have opportunities available to them which are simply not afforded to children in other parts of the country. As well as receiving instrumental tuition, there are numerous opportunities for ensemble playing and enrichment in the local area. The sense of belonging and the social bonds which come from ensemble playing, shape a child's character. In Hampshire, learning an musical instrument is the first step on a path which can nurture and enrich your children's lives right through to adulthood.

The "going rate" for private music lessons is currently in the region of £25 for half an hour. It is dependent on the number of children who receive lessons, but **the cost of music lessons with Hampshire Music Service is in the region of £7.50 for 20 minutes.** This represents incredible value for money.

As previously stated, we have to employ the music teacher for the year and so we do require up-front payment for the whole year's tuition. We understand that this is a very significant outlay, but we ask you to bare in mind the value overall.

If you would like your child to learn a musical instrument next year, I urge you to contact the Junior School Office to register your interest. Please contact them on adminjuniors@foxhillsfederation.co.uk, indicating which instrument your child would like to learn. Once we have gauged the level of interest and secured the teacher to work in our school next year, we will ask for your financial commitment.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs H Normington
Federation Music Lead