



# Lockyer's Middle School

## Peripatetic Music Tuition



## Introduction

We are very keen to see as many children as possible having the opportunity to learn a musical instrument in school, whilst also contributing to the musical life of our school. Since September 2016 all peripatetic music lessons provided in school have been delivered through the Dorset Music Service and we are currently able to offer tuition in the following instruments:

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| * Piano     | * Violin |
| * Keyboard  | * Cello  |
| * Flute     | * Drums  |
| * Clarinet  | * Vocals |
| * Saxophone |          |

## Lesson Times

Instrumental tuition is provided weekly for 10 weeks a term. Although we aim to avoid the key lessons of Maths and English, peripatetic music lessons **can take place during any other lesson, sometimes during lunch or break times and occasionally before or after school**. Where possible (allowing for tutor availability), we try to rotate the timetable every term so that the same lesson is not missed for a whole year.

## Lesson Fees and Groupings

Most lessons are given in groups of between 2 and 4 children and the length of lesson is adjusted accordingly to ensure fairness, i.e.

Individual Lesson - 15 minutes                      Group lesson, 2 pupils - 20 minutes

Group lesson, 3 pupils - 25 minutes              Group lesson, 4 pupils - 30 minutes

The cost of tuition is £70 for a 10 week term to be paid in advance of lessons starting via our online payment system. **Please note that we require a full term's notice for cancellation of lessons.**

Parents and carers can apply for financial help for services and activities from Dorset Music Service by emailing [dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk). Help of up to 50% of the fee is available and the discount can be applied to instrumental tuition and instrument hire. The following criteria apply for applications:

- eligibility for free school meals
- pupils who attend Dorset schools and academies
- music lessons provided by the Dorset Music Service in a group or paired lesson
- instrument hire discount applies to the hire of a single musical instrument.

## Instruments

Pupils are expected to have their own instrument for lessons (where portable) and for practising at home. Instruments can be purchased from any good music retailer or if this is not an option, Dorset Music Service

offers a hire service. Please visit their website [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/dorset-music-service/instruments/dorset-music-service-instruments.aspx](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/dorset-music-service/instruments/dorset-music-service-instruments.aspx) for more information.

For piano, keyboard and drum lessons, instruments are available in school for pupils to use during their lesson. **Please be aware that both the piano and drum kit are electric rather than acoustic.**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **How do I apply for peripatetic music lessons?**

Please complete the reply slip below and return it to the school office.

#### **Can my child learn more than one instrument?**

Unfortunately, we are only able to offer pupils tuition in one instrument at a time.

#### **Will my child be collected to attend their music lesson?**

It is the pupil's responsibility to ensure they attend their music lessons at the correct time each week. All pupils are reminded of their lesson time during morning registration and timetables are available on the music noticeboard.

#### **Will missed lessons be rearranged or refunded?**

Lessons missed due to the teacher's absence or due to a school trip will be rearranged or refunded. Lessons missed due to the pupil's absence (e.g. due to illness or forgetting to attend) cannot be rearranged or refunded.

#### **I don't want my child to miss certain lessons. Can I request that these be avoided?**

The only subjects we can guarantee will not be missed are Maths and English and therefore peripatetic music could take place during any other lesson. Unfortunately, we are unable to make any changes to timetables once tuition has commenced.

#### **How will I know how my child is progressing?**

The peripatetic music teachers will complete communication books each week that the children take home with them. This will contain information about practising and progress. In addition, Dorset Music Service provide each child with a report once a year towards the end of the spring term.



I would like my child to take part in peripatetic music lessons in the following instrument (please circle **one only**):

Classical Guitar	Electric Guitar	Bass Guitar
Piano	Keyboard	Drums
Violin	Cello	Flute
Clarinet	Saxophone	Vocals

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Class/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Level/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_