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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

At Nailsea School we are delighted to offer the opportunity for students to learn an instrument or sing through individual or small group music lessons. We work with the local music hub, the West of England Music Alliance, as well as skilled private tutors, to provide high quality music education regardless of previous experience. Nailsea School wholeheartedly supports any child who wishes to learn a musical instrument, firmly believing that this will help to develop their general listening skills, co-ordination and motor control, self-confidence, personal responsibility, and social interaction as well as their general enjoyment of music.

At Nailsea School we have fantastic private tutors who teach violin, viola, piano and singing. In addition to this, the West of England Music Alliance can offer tuition in the following instruments:

Woodwind	Recorder	Flute	Clarinet	Oboe	Saxophone
Brass	Trumpet / Cornet	French / Tenor Horn	Il rombone	Baritone / Euphonium	Tuba
Strings	Cello	Double Bass			
Guitar	Acoustic Guitar	Electric Guitar	Bass Guitar	Ukulele	
Percussion	Keyboard	Drums			

When you sign up for music lessons you will work directly with your tutor, who will be your direct contact with regard to invoices. They will also inform you if they need to reschedule a lesson for whatever reason and keep you up to date with your son/daughter's progress. Any questions or issues you may have with regards to your son/daughter's lessons will be addressed directly with the tutor, or using the music service portal for those instruments not taught privately. The music staff at Nailsea can also help address any questions you might have and help students get started with their lessons.

Important Information

- Lessons: There will be 30 lessons per academic year usually 10 lessons per two terms. The lesson will last 30 or 20 minutes. This depends on the total number of students per teacher.
- **Group Size:** Lessons will be delivered either as an individual, a pair or in a group (up to four) assuming that there are enough students wishing to learn the same instrument at the same level.
- **Invoices**: Invoices will be issued directly by the tutor in the case of piano, singing, violin and viola, and by West of England Music Alliance for all other instruments. This will happen via email once per term however you can contact your teacher for up to date information or view charges on the portal.

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- Timetabling: Times will be posted on the music notice board or in the school and it is students' responsibility to check these times and to politely excuse themselves from school lessons to attend. Please note: For tutors working with the music hub, times and dates of lessons can also be viewed on the parent portal.
- Terms and Conditions: For tuition through the music hub you can see further information here:
- <u>Tuition Terms and Conditions West of England Music Alliance</u> Terms and conditions for private tuition will be issued by tutors before signing up to lessons.
- Grants and Support: If a student would like to learn an instrument but the cost is an issue, there are grants and support available to help with funding. Please contact Mr Pate directly for more information about this at dpate@nailseaschool.com

Instruments

Instruments are not provided by the school. However, there is a wide range of instruments that can be hired from the music hub and this can be done when apply for lessons.

What to do if you would like your child(ren) to have instrumental lessons at school:

Private tuition

If your child would like piano, violin, viola or singing lessons please contact Mr Pate at <u>dpate@nailseaschool.com</u> expressing your interest. You will then be put in touch with the relevant tutor directly to make arrangements for starting tuition.

The West of England Music Alliance

To register and apply for lessons for any other instrument, please use the following link (you are able to apply immediately): <u>https://uknorthsomerset.speedadmin.dk/registration#/</u>

Charges for the 2023-2024 Academic Year are:

			30 minutes Paired lesson	Group Lesson
From September 2022	£215 for 10 lessons	£144 for 10 lessons	£107.50 for 10 lessons	£72 for 10 lessons

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If you would like to apply for support with the cost of music lessons, please contact Mr Pate directly at dpate@nailseaschool.com. If your family is in receipt of income-based Pupil Premium funding, you can also tick the remissions box on the registration page. The Music Hub will then contact you (and the school if appropriate) to discuss final arrangements and payment.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch

Mr Pate

Head of Music







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