



## Music Lessons – 2018/19

The school has to book its peripatetic teachers for the next academic year and is pleased to offer pupils the opportunity to **either start learning an instrument or to continue with lessons**. Music makes a valuable contribution to the life of our school and we are fortunate in having an excellent team of dedicated teachers offering weekly tuition in the following wide range of instruments:

**Brass** (cornet, trumpet, trombone)

**Woodwind** (flute, oboe, clarinet)

**Guitar** (acoustic)

**Recorder**

**Violin**

**Piano (keyboard)**

**Percussion** (drum kit)

**Singing** – *availability will be confirmed once demand from pupils is determined*

For the academic year 2018/19 the cost of the lessons are as follows:

Individual 20 minute lessons	£150.70	per term
Groups of 2 - 20 minute lessons	£77.00	per term – <i>drums only</i>
Groups of 3 or 4 30 minute lessons	£77.00	per term

Please note that piano/keyboard and violin can only be booked as an individual lesson. Flute and clarinet can only be offered to children in Year 5 and Year 6. Please contact the school/music teacher should you require information on or before buying/hiring musical instruments.

Please be aware that the school has to book blocks of tutor time with the Area Music Centre. Although we operate a rotation system (within those blocks), your child's music lesson could frequently take place during the daily English and Maths lessons.

Further terms and conditions including the Remission of Fees are shown overleaf.

If you are interested in your child **beginning or continuing lessons**, please complete the attached form and return with payment by **Friday 6 July 2018** so that tuition arrangements for September 2018 can be finalised.

*Please be aware that lessons are not guaranteed and are booked on a first come, first served basis.*

Please turn over for Terms and Conditions



## Music Tuition Terms and Conditions 2018/19

### 1. Termly Payments

Autumn – please enclose payment (cash or cheque) with completed application forms. Cheques to be made payable to 'The Thomas Coram CE School.' These will be banked in July and in case of lesson oversubscription, cheques will be returned. Spring and Summer - payment on receipt of invoice can be made by cheque or through Wisepay (the school's on-line payment service). Invoices are usually raised at least 4 weeks in advance.

### 2. Number of lessons

The fees are for a **minimum** of 30 lessons and a maximum of 33 per academic year, payable in advance and any lessons missed by pupils through no fault of the school will be forfeited.

### 3. Attendance and punctuality

Children will be expected to remember the importance of arriving at lessons on time and fully equipped. Although the school may initially support pupils, it is your child's responsibility to ensure they check the music lesson timetables and attend lessons each week.

### 4. Remission of Fees

Hertfordshire County Council runs a scheme for the remission of music fees for parents facing financial difficulties. There is a charge of £20.00 per term for those families applying for 100% remission of fees. An individual 20 minute lesson is the maximum lesson available under this scheme. There are strict deadlines by when applications must be made and if you would like to clarify your eligibility or to be considered, please indicate on the attached application form **and** contact Children's Services at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk) or telephone 0300 1234048. Remission funding will not be backdated. Lessons that begin **before** the Music Service confirms remission funding to the school, will be charged to the parent/carer. There is an expectation that pupils in receipt of remission of fees will attend regularly and the school sends a copy of the attendance register to the Herts Music Service at the end of each term.

### 5. Termination of music lessons

The school is required to give our peripatetic teachers notice of changes to their contracts and, therefore, parents are asked to give the school written notice of cancellation by the dates shown below or make a payment in lieu. It is assumed that current lessons will continue unless cancellation is received in writing by **Friday 13 July 2018**.

Spring Term 2018 written cancellation required by **Monday 15 October 2018**.

Summer Term 2018 written cancellation required by **Monday 4 February 2019**.

### 6. Insurance of Musical Instruments

Parents must ensure that their child's instrument is named and is adequately insured as they are brought onto school premises entirely at the owner's risk.

### 7. By subscribing to music lessons parents/carers give permission for their contact details to be shared with the relevant peripatetic teacher(s).