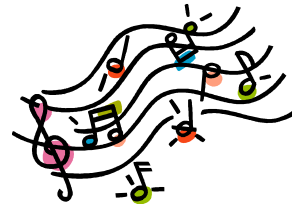




Driffield Junior School



12th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We can offer a small number of children the opportunity to learn to play an instrument through the Schools' Music Service. Tuition is given by visiting instrumental teachers and most lessons take place during the normal school day. See attached sheet for details of instrumental lessons available in each year group.

Charges for the small group lessons are **£47** per term with a minimum of 30 lessons being received during the full academic year. Most instruments are hired from the Schools' Music Service at £20 per term. Violins are hired from School at £10 per term. Parents are responsible for maintenance and insurance cover.

If a child decides to terminate lessons, written notice is required and refunds for the current term cannot be given. If your child is, or has been in the past, entitled to free school meals, we are able to offer funding through pupil premium to cover the costs of lessons.

This can be an exciting and richly rewarding experience but it does demand from the child, the parents and the tutor a great deal of effort, patience and commitment. Instruments need to be brought into school each week for the lesson and taken home so pupils can practise regularly. If you are interested in this offer and can give your child the necessary continuous support, please complete the attached form and return it to me via the school office by **Monday 17th September**.

Your child will then be given a musical awareness test and his/her size assessed as to suitability for the chosen instrument. I will inform you by **Friday 28th September** whether your child was either successful or unsuccessful.

Please note that if your child is chosen (s)he will be asked to join the school orchestra (not guitar) once it is considered that (s)he has achieved the required standard.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Salter
Music Teaching Assistant

To Mrs Salter

I am interested in my child learning to play one of the following instruments. (Please tick appropriate boxes)

I have noted that the cost of tuition is **£47** a term as well as any hire charges for the instrument (first term for hire is free).

Tick box(es)	Instrument	Years being offered lessons	Number of places available	Additional information
	Brass (Cornet, Euphonium, French Horn, Trombone)	4, 5 and 6	5 - 6	Instruments can be hired from the Schools' Music Service (£20 a term).
	Guitar	4 and 5	10 - 12	Pupils will need to buy their own guitar, if successful.
	Percussion (Drum kit plus)	5 and 6	4	Pupils will need to buy a Pack, which includes practice pad, CD and tutor book (approx. £25).
	Violin/Viola	3 and 4	8 - 10	Instruments can be hired from School (£10 a term)
	Woodwind (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet)	4, 5 and 6	4 - 6	Instruments can be hired from the Schools' Music Service (£20 a term).

A child may audition for more than one instrument, but is only allowed to receive lessons in one instrument so, if successful in more than one, they will have to choose which instrument to accept. Teachers will choose which brass/woodwind instrument is suitable for the child.

Children receiving lessons last year, automatically continue with the same instrument, unless school is notified in writing.

Name of child..... Class.....

Signature of Parent/Carer Date.....

My child is, or has been in the past, in receipt of free school meals. YES/NO

Please return reply slip to Mrs Salter via the school office by **Monday 17th September.**