



Music Tuition Charging Policy

1. All students at The Kimberley School have the opportunity to benefit from tuition on a range of music instruments from fully qualified peripatetic teachers, including those from the Arts Support Service of Nottinghamshire County Council. This tuition is provided during the school day, either on an individual or shared basis (maximum 2 students per lesson).
2. In the allocation of lessons, priority will be given to those students studying towards GCSE.
3. The cost of providing this tuition is heavily subsidised by the school from its budget delegated from the Local Authority. The amount that can be provided in this way is limited and is insufficient to always meet the demand. This charging policy was adopted by the Governing Body's Finance and General Purposes committee at its meeting held on the 8 March 1995 and amended by the committee on 24 September 2009. The charges meet about half of the actual cost of the lessons and are very competitive against private charges.
4. In recognition of the need for equality in this provision, the Governors would not wish charges to prevent any child from taking up the opportunity of learning a musical instrument because of financial constraints in the family. Children in receipt of free school meals will not be charged for tuition, nor in the case where the parent is in receipt of an NHS exemption card.
5. Unless exempted under paragraph 4 above, all children receiving instrumental tuition will be charged a standard fee per term agreed by the Governors. Payment will be due at the beginning of the autumn term and in advance of each of the subsequent spring and summer terms as follows:

Autumn Term:	September
Spring Term:	December
Summer Term:	March
6. Payment will make the child eligible for a minimum of 10 lessons of at least 20 minutes, (in most terms students will receive more than 10 lessons). If the school calendar makes it difficult to fit in 10 lessons in any term (this could happen if Easter is early), additional lessons will be given in the following term.

No rebates will be given if children miss occasional lessons due to normal absences or forgetfulness. In cases of prolonged absence from school or if the child leaves the

school mid way through a term charges may be refunded on a pro-rata basis at the discretion of the Head of Music.

7. Further information about the current opportunities available at the school for children to learn an instrument and information about loan and hire schemes for instruments are available from the Head of Music at the School.

This policy was agreed by Governors at a meeting on 26 November 2009

Dated:.....

Signed: Mr C TealHeadteacher

Signed: Mr J WilsonChair of Governors

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