

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. 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 subsidised by the school from its budget. The amount that can be provided in this way is limited and is insufficient to always meet the demand. The cost of the lessons 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 / pupil premium will not be charged for tuition, nor in the case where the parent is in receipt of an NHS exemption card. Such lessons will be, in most cases, shared lessons, restricted to one instrument/tuition type. Any additional lessons will be chargeable at the standard rate.
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: July if already Registered September if newly registered

Spring Term: December

Summer Term: March
6. The child will be 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 midway through a term, charges may be refunded on a pro-rata basis at the discretion of the Head of Music. If a teaching delivery falls below this due to Music staff absence each lesson below 10 will be refunded.
7. 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

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