

Dear Parents & Pupils,

## **First of all - THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to you and your family, your children and also the colleagues we work in partnership with at Banister Primary for supporting us with the first ever **MUSIC FEST!** What a brilliant afternoon of music where all of the pupils shared their achievements. Music is such an important part of the curriculum and we are grateful for the support of the school in allowing us to share our curriculum each week.

## **With Music Fest in Mind...**

We are inviting you to register for **musical instrument and/or singing** lessons from September 2024. All the information about our lessons programme is laid out below. It would be our pleasure to teach and inspire you.

**Please note that if you already have lessons with us, you will have received your own letter along with your instrument lesson report via email - Please respond to that correspondence, you do not have to apply again through this letter.**

## **Who is Eligible?**

Children in years 1-6 can sign up for lessons.

## **What Can I Learn, and Can I Loan a Musical Instrument?**

Flute | Clarinet | Alto Saxophone\* | Trumpet | Euphonium | Baritone | Trombone | French Horn\* | Singing | Piano | Guitar | Drums | Violin | Viola\*

*\*Denotes limited availability.*

Instruments are available to hire for an annual cost of £22. Sadly, we are not able to loan pianos/keyboards or drum kits.

## **Can I Watch Some Videos of Teachers Demonstrating Some Instruments?**

You sure can! This is a perfect opportunity for you to explore a range of instruments before deciding which you might like to learn: [www.discoverthemusichq.com/learn](http://www.discoverthemusichq.com/learn) - you can also see our team perform a well-known song all together.

## **When Will Lessons Start and When Are They?**

There are 32 lessons across the academic year which are highlighted in a calendar that will be sent to you when you sign up. Our first week of lessons will commence from **Monday 9th September 2024**.

Please note that **lessons at Banister Primary School** take place **during the school day** on selected days.

## **What is the Cost of the Lessons?**

You will be required to pay for lessons in advance of each full school term. There are three payments in total across the year for the lessons. Payment details will be outlined within our parental agreement which will be sent to you via email once your lesson day and time is confirmed.

There will be 32 lessons across the year (unless you start later than September) and the cost **each term** is as follows:

<b>Group Lessons (up to 3 pupils):</b>	£80 per term – (Total yearly cost £240).
<b>Individual Lessons (1-to-1 lessons):</b>	£100 per term - (Total yearly cost £300).

### Are There Any Additional Costs?

The additional costs are as follows – you will be provided with the links to purchase once your lessons have been confirmed via a signed parental agreement:

#### Instrument Hire (optional) - £22

This is a non-refundable annual donation towards the usage, minor wear and tear of the instrument should it need serviced by our team. You do not have to loan an instrument from us. Please note that parents are subject to the cost to replace or repair the instrument should it become damaged or need replacing.

### Parental Agreement:

A detailed agreement outlining the terms of the lessons will be sent to you to sign before lessons begin. You should take time to read it carefully before signing. This will reassure you of our commitment to ensure children receive all their lessons, our safeguarding commitment and our terms and methods for payment. The agreement also supports us in protecting the livelihoods of our hard-working teaching team.

### Payment Information:

Each term, you will receive an email reminder from [sophie@showcasemusicschool.com](mailto:sophie@showcasemusicschool.com) requesting payment. You will not receive a reminder if you pay by Direct Debit as your payment schedule will be set up and confirmed automatically by GoCardless who will also take payment from you.

Term	Payment Due by	Cancellation Guidelines
<b>Autumn Term</b> September – Dec 2024	<b>1<sup>st</sup> September 2024</b>	You agree to sign up for the whole year of lessons. If you withdraw throughout the year, you are liable for the full cost of the lessons. Should lessons be unable to take place in school due to further restrictions, lessons will resume temporarily via ZOOM. Please note lessons are non-refundable and are offered in strict terms of our parental agreement.
<b>Spring Term</b> January – March 2025	<b>1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</b>	
<b>Summer Term</b> April – July 2025	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>	

### Would you like to join one of our ensembles based in Southampton?

We are delighted to be launching music ensembles in September 2024. If you would like to join one of these groups, simply click the link below to register interest.

**No Fret Guitar Ensemble** - Thursdays - Holy Family Primary School - 4.30-5.30pm

**Fiddlesticks Youth Strings Ensemble** - Saturdays - Holy Family Primary School - 9.15-10.15am

**Hear Our Voice Vocal Choir** - Mondays - Holy Family Primary School - 6.00-8.00pm

**Youth Jazz Orchestra** - Saturdays - Holy Family Primary School - 9.00-10.00am

**Young Players Orchestra** - Saturdays - Holy Family Primary School - 10.15-12.15pm

**No Fret Guitar Ensemble** - Wednesdays - Bitterne Park Primary - 4.30-5.30pm

**Fiddlesticks Youth Strings Ensemble** - Thursdays - Bitterne Park Primary - 5.30-6.30pm

**Hear Our Voice Vocal Choir** - Thursdays - Bitterne Park Primary - 5.00-7.00pm

To read more about these groups first, simply visit this link - [www.discoverthemusichq.com/ensembles](http://www.discoverthemusichq.com/ensembles)

*\*Note:* If you are a beginner, your teacher will issue you an invitation to join our orchestras, guitar and youth strings ensembles as you progress - however, ANYONE can join our awesome choir aged 7+.

## How Do I Apply?

### STEP 1 – Sign Up:

Please register for lessons by **July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, by clicking on or visiting this link:

[www.discoverthemusichq.com/september](http://www.discoverthemusichq.com/september).

### STEP 2 – Review Your Lesson Confirmation:

Please keep an eye on your **INBOX** and **SPAM folder** for communications from [debbie@showcasemusicschool.com](mailto:debbie@showcasemusicschool.com) and [sophie@showcasemusicschool.com](mailto:sophie@showcasemusicschool.com) who are the only team members who will contact you.

Debbie will reach out to you with a confirmation of your lesson day and time along with a teaching calendar of dates. You will need to respond to this as quickly as possible to secure your lesson slot.

### STEP 3 – Confirm Lessons & Payment:

Once you have confirmed your lesson day and time with Debbie, Sophie will send you a parental agreement to sign. This will be sent back to us electronically and Sophie will set up your preferred payment method in our system and send you a reminder ready for the first payment in September.

### STEP 4 – Begin Lessons:

Your child will begin their lessons during the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023. During their first lesson, they will be provided with their tutorial book and instrument (if applicable).

## Who Should I Contact with Any Queries?

Not a problem, simply email [debbie@showcasemusicschool.com](mailto:debbie@showcasemusicschool.com) who will be able to support with all the answers you need.

We are excited to work in partnership with you and your family next year.

Kind Regards

Debbie Willis

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