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Dear Parent/Carer

**Music Tuition 2016/17**

Music is a strength of the school and we provide many opportunities for children and support them in developing their musical abilities and talents. As you may be aware, the school has heavily subsidised the cost of music tuition. We have tried to keep the cost of music tuition fees down and for the last few years the price has not increased. However, from **September 2016** the cost of tuition has had to be increased as a result of the continuing financial pressures, but still represents good value.

In previous years the school received government funding which enabled us to offer music tuition at a reduced rate. Unfortunately these funds have now been withdrawn and we are no longer able to offer the 50% discount for siblings or for extra instrument lessons and these lessons will be charged at full price.

You will have the option of choosing a shared lesson for your child of 20 minutes which will reduce the cost (not appropriate for all instruments and abilities), or choosing individual lessons. Please make your selection on the accompanying contract.

We offer tuition in the following disciplines:

<b>Strings</b>	<b>Woodwind</b>	<b>Brass</b>	<b>Others</b>
Violin	Flute	Trumpet	Guitar
Viola	Oboe	Cornet	Drums
Cello	Clarinet	French Horn	Piano
Double Bass	Bassoon	Tenor Horn	Electric Keyboard
	Saxophone	Trombone	Voice
	Recorder	Euphonium	
		Tuba	

**N.B. Piano and drums are not suitable for shared lessons.**

The cost to hire an instrument will remain at £14 per term. It may be useful to know that instruments can be bought through the school free of VAT. This is a Government initiative designed to increase the number of students learning to play an instrument.

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However, we are able to offer a discount if:

- you are entitled to Working Tax Credit and have a NHS exemption card (proof needed)
- your child qualifies for free school meals

### Terms

- Parents/carers are invoiced **at the beginning of each half term, 6 times per academic year.**
- Teacher absence is usually made up on at alternative date. If this was not possible a reduction on your next invoice would be made.
- Reimbursement will not be made for missed lessons due to child's illness, absence or forgetfulness.
- If, for any reason, you wish to cancel music lessons a period of **one term's notice in writing**, is required. There are six half terms in a school year.

Please complete and return the booking form below to the **Finance Office** by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

As previously stated, we are in the unfortunate position of having to increase the music tuition. However, we feel that the new pricing structure is still good value in comparison to the cost of private tuition. Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact the Finance Office on 01777 713700 extension 665.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Financial Operations Officer