

March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Would you like your child to continue/start learning a new instrument next year?

TO BE COMPLETED BY THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2024

Please read this letter carefully.

It is that time of year again when we have to plan for instrumental lessons for the next academic year. It is vital that if you tell us that you would like your child to start learning an instrument that you do commit to the whole academic year (September to July). Please click the link or use the QR code below by **THURSDAY 28TH MARCH at the latest.**

We only have a limited number of places for each instrument; therefore pupils will only be able to learn one instrument. Priority for lessons will be given on a first come, first served basis. **WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING ANY MORE REPLIES AFTER THURSDAY 28TH MARCH.** We need to let Harrow Music Service know exactly how many children will be learning each instrument. By completing the form you will be committing to paying for the instrumental lessons if your child is offered a place. Once we have received your interest, we will send you a contract.

Lessons will take place during school hours; therefore children will miss some class time to attend music lessons. While every effort is made to rotate lesson times where possible, we are restricted to the times allocated by Harrow Music Service and therefore a small number of children may miss the same lesson each week. Please bear this in mind when applying for a place as **we are not able to accommodate requests from parents to change music lesson times.**

The non-refundable fees for 2024-2025 will be £285 for the academic year

This September, Harrow Music Service are offering the following instrumental lessons to children:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Violin
- Guitar
- Keyboard
- Drums

If your child is already learning an instrument and wishes to continue, you must still complete the form below in order to ensure them a place. A place will not be automatically kept for them for next academic year.

Parents will be expected to buy or hire an instrument for their child to practice at home, and bring into school when they have their lessons. The exceptions to this are flute, keyboard and drum kit lessons, where there are instruments in school that children will use.

As mentioned above, the non-refundable fees for 2024-2025 will be £285 for the academic year, the first instalment will be due by the end of the August 2024. **Harrow Music Service commits to providing at least 30 lessons during the academic year.** This means that instrumental lessons are costed at £9.50 per lesson. Music lessons continue to be heavily subscribed with monies from the school budget. The school is not able to pay out for lessons before collecting money from parents, which is why **we require all payments in advance.**

If you are entitled to Pupil Premium, please contact the office to discuss the possibility of an alternative payment plan.

Please do not send in any payment at this stage for lessons until you have confirmation from the school that the payments are live on Arbor. We need to wait for Harrow Music Service to confirm if they are able to offer the lessons we request before we allocate places to children. Instructions for payment will be sent out before the end of the Summer Term once places have been allocated.

Please use the link below or the QR to express your interest. You will then receive a contract from the school in due course.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Jdup3H7kRx>



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hmistry".

Miss H Mistry
Deputy Headteacher