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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are proud to be able to offer a wide range of peripatetic music lessons at Hiltingbury Junior School which our children actively engage in. It is the time of year again that we are now planning this provision for the next academic year and ask for your help in completing this form to enable us to do this. We hope to meet all children's requests as much as we can with the staffing provision available. If your child would like to continue or start music lessons in September, please complete this google form.

[Music Enrolment Form - September 2025-July 2026](#)

For pupils in Years 3 to 6 we offer Recorder, Woodwind, Guitar, Bowed Strings and Piano lessons. Lessons take place during school time so your child could be withdrawn from the classroom during lessons, or may miss part of a break, lunchtime or assembly to have their tuition.

*****If your child is currently taking music lessons but has decided to stop, you must still complete this form, as it is essential that we have all of the correct numbers in order to organise next year's tuition and places are not automatically transferred forward to the next academic year.*****

If your child has been learning an instrument in school this academic year and no longer wishes to continue with the same instrument but would like to be considered for another instrument please submit this request via this form. However, please note we cannot guarantee that it will be possible to accommodate a change of instrument request.

If your child wishes to start lessons, you will need to provide an instrument. Instruments can be rented or purchased from music shops who can give details on cost.

We continue to participate in the Assisted Purchase Scheme which means that selected instruments can be purchased through the school VAT free. This makes these items cheaper. Once your child has a confirmed place, if you are interested in the scheme, details are available on the school website.

For piano lessons please note you would need to have your own piano at home for practice between lessons; the Assisted Purchase Scheme does not apply as the instrument is not being carried to and used in school. Children learning the piano use a school instrument for their lessons.

A firm commitment is needed for the lessons as you undertake to have tuition for the whole academic year. Payment is required in advance as we need to set up a contract for the relevant teaching staff and refunds cannot be given if your child misses a lesson due to absence. **By completing this form and submitting it you are agreeing to pay for music lessons for the whole academic year.**



The estimated cost for the year will be approximately **£110** for recorders and **£290** for all other instruments. This price also covers a practice diary in which your child can record the pieces/skills they are working on and their number of practice sessions each week.

Your child should receive a minimum of 30 lessons over the full academic year and this takes into account Bank Holiday's, INSET days. SAT's week as well as trips and residential's. However, it does not cover pupil illness or absence. Please also note that one of these lessons will be allocated to a 5 minute online Parent's Meeting which will take place in the Summer Term. The number of lessons is closely monitored and reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that this will be met before the end of the Summer Term.

Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium can utilise this funding for music lessons. Further information can be found here: [Charging & Remissions Policy](#)

Please note that the school does subsidise the scheme as we feel it is very beneficial for children to have the opportunity to learn to play and the school does not profit financially from this tuition.

We try to ensure that all children are able to take up the instrument of their choice but where we are over-subscribed we will pick children at random and then allocate second or third choice instruments. It is important that all children select three choices of instrument for this reason. If there are more children wishing to take up an instrument than there are total spaces available, we will fill these spaces with the older year groups first. If your child is not successful they will go on the waiting list.

As we endeavour to accommodate as many children as possible, we cannot offer places for children to learn more than one instrument during their time at Hiltingbury. Due to the popularity of music lessons it is also not possible to change instruments part way through the academic year.

Should any child not wish to continue with their lessons at any point during the academic year, we will be unable to refund any monies for lessons not taken.

If your child is successful you will receive an email confirming this and further information of when lessons will be available for payment in Arbor.

Kind Regards

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Music Lead