

8th June 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Music Lessons at School: Apply now for Academic Year 2020-21

As you know music lessons at our school are delivered by Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT). Our school is changing its arrangements for payment and from September 2020 the contract for provision will be between you and NMPAT. As one of the leading Music Education Hubs in the country, with exceptional enrichment and progression opportunities, NMPAT continues to be our chosen delivery partner for music and it is only the administration and payments process which will be changing.

If you wish your child to continue to have music lessons, you will be able to register with NMPAT and sign up to their contract conditions at <https://presto.nmpat.co.uk/musicinschool>. All tuition for 2020/21 onwards will be paid termly in advance directly to NMPAT, not the school.

One important change is that music lessons will be extended from the current allocation of 10 minutes teaching time per student to 15 minutes individual lessons. Although the cost will rise in proportion, this means that a productive amount of time can be spent with your child on a 1:1 basis or that two students can combine for a 30 minute lesson. This increase has been trialled at a number of schools and both teachers and students have commented favourably on the benefits of longer contact time.

The cost of music lessons in 2020/21 will be £115 per 11 week term.

NMPAT provide instrumental lessons for 33 weeks per academic year, over three 11 week teaching periods and, subject to student absences/school activity conflicts, will guarantee a minimum of 30 lessons in a full year. The cost of lessons continues to include the loan of orchestral instruments free of charge. (Not guitars, keyboard or drum kits)

If, after your child starts their lessons, you wish to discontinue those lessons, you should give a minimum of five teaching weeks' notice to NMPAT.

Full information relating to teaching scheme provided by NMPAT can be seen in their [Terms & Conditions](#).

Children on Pupil Premium can apply for bursary funding towards the cost of music tuition. Application should be made direct to the school and, if granted, we will inform NMPAT who will invoice the school in respect of this contribution. You will then receive information from NMPAT about any payment remaining due. Please ensure bursary applications are submitted as early as possible.

For further details about NMPAT see their website at www.NMPAT.co.uk where you can also see the NMPAT [Privacy Policy](#) or contact office@NMPAT.co.uk with any queries.

What to do next:

Please register your interest in music lessons for your child by logging in to <https://presto.nmpat.co.uk/musicinschool>. You will be asked to provide NMPAT with some basic details and indicate which instrument, from the choice available at our school, that your child is interested in learning.

If you do not have access to the internet, please complete and return the 'Expression of Interest' form which follows. This form should be returned to NMPAT and not the school.

NMPAT will register your interest and will contact you to advise availability and with any recommendations for you to consider. You will not be making any commitment at this stage but it will allow us to work out together, which lessons can be provided for next year.

Please register your interest by Friday 3rd July 2020.

Yours sincerely,



Paula Harwood
Headteacher

Expression of Interest - Music tuition 2020-21 (only to be completed if you are unable to use the internet link at <https://presto.nmpat.co.uk/musicinschool>)

School Name..... Pupil name.....

Year Group from September 2020..... Date of Birth.....

Gender.....

Please state the instrument you want to learn.....

I wish to apply for a Pupil Premium bursary. **YES/NO** (Please ask your school for an application form if you have marked 'Yes')

Email address for communication from NMPAT

Home Telephone No.....

Mobile Telephone No.....

Home address (PRINT).....

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I have read and accept the [Terms & Conditions](#), and I have read [NMPAT's Privacy Policy](#) and accept that my personal data and that of my child can be processed as per NMPAT's policies.

Signature: (Parent/Carer) Date:

Print Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Relationship to child.....

Return completed form to NMPAT by 3rd July 2020 at the following email address or by post:

Email: office@nmpat.co.uk Tel: 01604 637117

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust
125-129 Kettering Road
Northampton
NN1 4AZ

Data Protection Agreement

- On the application form, we have asked for some personal information (such as name, address, postcode) in order to fulfil your request for information or services.
- This information will be held securely and will be used to provide you with the service you have requested.

- Any processing will be performed in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation.
- NMPAT is registered as a Data Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office under the reference number Z3016160. NMPAT's Privacy Policy, which includes the use of photographs and publicity, is available to view at: [NMPAT Privacy Policy](#)