

9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

Learning to play a musical instrument and developing musical skills is one of the most exciting things a young person can do. Not only is it fun and rewarding, but it has proven to help children develop:

- Personal and social skills: self-confidence, teamwork
- Perception, awareness, creativity and imagination
- Language, numeracy and literacy skills
- General attainment and intellectual development

Music lessons at our school continue to be delivered by Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT) and from September 2020 all payments will be made direct to NMPAT. As one of the leading Music Education Hubs in the country, with exceptional enrichment and progression opportunities, NMPAT is our chosen delivery partner for music.

NMPAT teachers provide tuition for a wide range of instruments, generally available to pupils from Y3 and above, though recorders and violins may be suitable for some Y2 pupils. The choice of instruments on offer at our school can be seen in the online registration form:

<https://presto.nmpat.co.uk/musicinschool>.

To help you and your child decide which instrument they may be interested in learning, please see the “Thinking of learning an Instrument?” video clips at [www.NMPAT.co.uk/Resources](http://www.NMPAT.co.uk/Resources)

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 includes the loan of orchestral instruments free of charge. (Not guitars, keyboard or drum kits):

#### **Option 1**

NMPAT’s standard tuition is provided as 15 minute lessons per child. This means that a productive amount of time can be spent with your child on a 1:1 basis or that two students of similar standard can combine for a 30 minute lesson. The cost of these music lessons in 2020/21 is £115 per 11 week term.

#### **Option 2**

A new service this year is Beginner Group lessons, available to children during their first year of learning. These can be offered where there is more than one child wanting to start on the same instrument for all instruments except keyboard/piano.

Beginners Group lessons will be at a cost of £80.00 per child for 11 sessions of 30 minutes each for a group of 3 - 4 pupils, or 20 mins for 2. Beginner Group lessons are limited to the first academic year in which a pupil starts to play. Subsequent years will be on Option 1.

Tuition fees are paid termly in advance direct to NMPAT, not the school. 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](http://www.NMPAT.co.uk) where you can also see the NMPAT [Privacy Policy](#) or contact [office@NMPAT.co.uk](mailto: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 contact you to advise availability, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 from to NMPAT by 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 at the following email address or by post:**

Email: [office@nmpat.co.uk](mailto:office@nmpat.co.uk) Tel: 01604 637117

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**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](#)