



The Froebelian School Peripatetic Instrument Policy

Provision:

Music is an integral part of life at The Froebelian School. We actively encourage children to listen to and appreciate a wide range of genres and they are regularly exposed to a variety of composers and their music. Opportunities for music making are incorporated into the academic curriculum and there are numerous extra-curricular music groups on offer. During the year, there are many occasions at which our children's musical talent is showcased in a public arena. The school places great importance on the skills of learning to play a musical instrument. In addition to our curricular music, we have a number of specialist music teachers who can provide tuition on the following instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, violin, cello, guitar, piano, drums and voice.

Lessons:

Most children chose to learn one instrument. However, if parents would like their child to receive more than one instrument lesson, a consultation with the class teacher is required in the first instance. School will consider, on an individual basis, each child's ability to cope with the additional lesson. School reserves the right to refuse an additional instrument lesson if we believe it will be detrimental to the child's academic progress. This can be reviewed on an annual basis.

Pupils are taught throughout the school day. These instrumental lessons occur on a rotational system so that pupils do not miss the same part of the day each week, thus causing a minimum of disruption to curriculum subjects. Lessons will be timetabled rotating across the day avoiding times when Maths and English lessons are taught where possible. Parents should be aware that some peripatetic teachers only work at the school for a limited amount of time each week and this reduces their flexibility in offering lessons at suitable times.

The only exception to this would be when a pupil is learning to play more than one instrument in school. If this is the case then one of the lessons will be at a fixed time either before school, during break/lunchtime or after school. Priority for these sessions will be given to children in FIII/FIV.

It is the child's responsibility to catch up on the work they have missed in class. Once pupils are competent on their chosen instrument they will be invited and expected to join in the many extra-curricular music activities that The Froebelian School offers.

You will receive a brief report on your child's progress at the end of the Autumn and Summer Terms.

Applying for individual musical instrument lessons:

Mrs Cockshott, Music Co-ordinator, sends out a letter mid-way through the Summer Term for anyone interested in starting individual music tuition (classes Transition-FIII). Requests for tuition must be received two weeks' prior to the end of the Summer Term. Requests for tuition received after this time may be delayed by a term. It may not be possible to start tuition until the beginning of the next term. In cases of over-subscription pupils will be placed on a waiting list.

Fees for individual musical instrument lessons:

The tuition fee from September 2017 is advised by the individual peripatetic teacher. School does not set the amount payable for tuition fees. Invoices are sent directly to parents from the peripatetic teachers. Typically, 30 lessons are provided over the academic year with approximately 12 lessons in the Autumn Term and 9 in each of the other terms.

General guidance:

- Once you have the timetable for the term, anticipate which lesson your child will have to miss and notify the member of staff concerned **as soon as possible**.
- If you need to change a lesson time please consult with the peripatetic teacher who will suggest suitable alternatives.
- Your child should remind the member of staff on the day of the lesson that they will be missing an academic lesson.
- It is the child's responsibility to find out what work has been missed (or what homework has been set) and catch up on it.

Absence from individual musical instrument lessons:

- If your child misses a lesson for any reason (including illness) and no notice is given then the normal lesson fee will be charged. The peripatetic teacher is not obliged to make up this lesson.
- If your child is unwell on the day of the lesson it will be highly unlikely that the peripatetic teacher can adjust their timetable that day to avoid the ½ hour gap even with notice and, as such, the normal fee will be charged.
- If your child misses a lesson for any reason other than illness (school trip, sports event, unable to miss curriculum lesson) the peripatetic teacher should be given at least 48 hours' notice otherwise the normal lesson fee will be charged. If notice has been given, the peripatetic teacher will endeavour to make this lesson up.
- If your child is unwell the day before a lesson and the teacher has been informed before 8:00 pm that evening, then the normal lesson fee will not be charged. The peripatetic teacher will endeavour to make this lesson up.
- Contact should be made, in the first instance, with the peripatetic staff involved. Contact details can be found on the top of each invoice. Messages left on the school's answer-phone (0113 258 3047) or email (office@froebelian.co.uk) will be passed on to the relevant teacher as soon as possible after receipt.

If you would like further information about instrumental tuition at The Froebelian School, please contact in the first instance the Music Co-ordinator, Mrs Cockshott.