



Kents Hill Park School

Timbold Drive, Kents Hill Park, Milton Keynes, MK7 6BZ

Headteacher: Mr. James Pilgrim

November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Musical Instrument Lessons at Kents Hill Park School

At Kents Hill Park School we are pleased to be able to offer a comprehensive selection of specialist instrumental/vocal lessons which are available for the following instruments (subject to demand):

Cello	Percussion	Saxophone
Violin	Drums	Clarinet
Viola	Singing	Trumpet
Bass Guitar	Piano	Trombone
Electric Guitar	Keyboard	Cornet
Classical Guitar	Flute	French Horn

**Other instruments are available, please specify on application.*

All lessons occur weekly on a rotating timetable to ensure students miss a minimum amount of their standard timetable. Lessons are 20 minutes each for individual students. During the academic year there will be 22 lessons (11 per term). This is charged at £121 per term (from January 2019). Students are responsible for ensuring that they check their lesson time each week and attend all lessons, on time.

Payment and Cancellation

The first payment will be made directly to your son/daughter's instrumental teacher. You will receive communication directly from your son/daughter's instrumental teacher (usually via e-mail) including requests for payments due. All payments must be made on time to ensure continuation of lessons; peripatetic teachers have the right to withhold lessons if payment has not been made.

If you wish to cancel lessons, this must be done by email to musicqueries@kenthillpark.school or directly to the teacher themselves. Any other queries relating to these lessons may also be sent to this address. You are required to provide at least one full half term's notice in writing should you wish to stop lessons.

Payment Date/Month	Payment Type/Term:
21st December 2018	Payment for the Spring Term 2019
8th March 2019	Payment for the Summer Term 2019
12th July 2019	Payment for the Autumn Term 2019

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Instruments

Students are required to have their own instrument, which they will need to bring to school with them every week for their instrumental lesson (students do not need to bring their own piano, keyboard or drum kit). Some music shops offer a hire-purchase scheme which allows students to try out an instrument without the full cost of the instrument having to be covered straight away. If your son/daughter is new to the instrument when they start lessons with us, we would advise that you do not purchase an instrument before discussing the appropriate choice with the teacher concerned. They will be able to advise on brand, size (where relevant), hire purchase schemes locally and suitable retailers for purchases. If you do proceed to buy an instrument and this is done through school via an approved retailer, you can purchase the instrument VAT free. To do this, please complete a form (available from instrumental teachers) and follow the procedures outlined. Please note that this only applies to portable instruments.

However, it is not possible to claim back VAT for an instrument already purchased.

Additional Benefits of Instrumental/Vocal Tuition

Research has shown that students taking instrumental lessons achieve at a higher level across the curriculum compared with those who do not. This is not least due to the level of personal commitment and the organisational skills developed by these students. Research has also shown that it can increase memory capacity, mathematical ability, reading and comprehension skills as well as teaching skills such as teamwork, perseverance and discipline whilst giving a sense of achievement. Involvement in music gives many additional opportunities for students to participate in and many of these will be available to students throughout their time at Kents Hill Park School. These will include different concerts, extra-curricular activities and trips.

Supporting Your Child's Musical Development

Students taking instrumental lessons have a unique opportunity to develop what can only be realised through commitment and application. This is why all students are expected to practise regularly and where possible, should participate in extra-curricular groups or events. This is an excellent way of helping the students to progress and to enhance the enjoyment of their music making. Students should have a practice diary or notebook, which will allow the recording of targets, practice techniques and any other information required. It can also act as a communication tool for you and the teacher if required.

Parental support is vital for students to maximize their potential and enjoyment when learning a musical instrument. Parents have an important role to play in encouraging students in their practice and participation in extra-curricular groups as well as attending concerts. Details of annual events and other additional concerts will be advertised internally. There are a wide variety of events to suit all musical styles and tastes so there should be something for everyone!

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We are looking forward to working with your son/daughter to produce some excellent and enjoyable musical performances. If you have any concerns or questions regarding instrumental lessons, please do not hesitate to contact us at musicqueries@kentshillpark.school

Yours sincerely,

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