



Allenbourn Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Instrumental Music Lessons 2024-25

At Allenbourn Middle School we recognise the huge benefits a child gains from learning a musical instrument. We are proud to have a team of talented and enthusiastic visiting music teachers (VMTs) who come into school each week to deliver Piano, Drum Kit, Strings, Woodwind, Singing, Brass and Guitar lessons.

All pupils who sign up to receive additional music lessons receive a one to one, 20-minute lesson each week with lessons taking place in one of the music department's small lesson rooms. Lessons take place on a rotation system across the school day. This is to endeavour to ensure that pupils are not missing the same subject every week. A timetable is posted on the instrumental lessons notice board and you will have direct contact with your child's music teacher.

Pupils receive 30 lessons per school year and your child's instrumental teacher will invoice you once a term. Our visiting music teachers are self-employed, and the agreement to receive lessons lies between the music teacher and parents/carers. Payment goes directly to the music teacher, as does the required notice to stop lessons. **We do ask that half a term's notice be given directly to the music teacher in writing if you wish your child to stop having lessons in school.** This scheme helps to ensure good communication between parents and music teachers. It is a good idea to keep in regular contact with your child's music teacher, by email, phone or through a practice diary.

Pupils who are interested in learning an instrument but do not know which one, will have the opportunity to try an instrument during this first half term before committing to a full term of lessons after the October half term break. The majority of pupils will be able to learn their first choice of instrument but some are extremely popular so it does help to have a 2nd choice. Please ensure you contact the music teachers to arrange this.

As a qualified brass teacher, I will be undertaking a brass project to help support the development of brass instrumentalists. A group learning project will be taking place this year. Please contact me directly to find out more about this exciting opportunity.

We have some instruments available for hire through the school for £15.00 a term or £40.00 per year, however, not enough instruments to supply all pupils, therefore this works on a first come first served basis. We cannot insure the instruments whilst they are not on the school premises so it is advisable to include the instrument on your own personal household insurance.





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Once your music lesson has been confirmed, you will be able to complete a booking form on ParentMail to request to hire a musical instrument. Once confirmed, a payment will be raised on ParentMail for you to complete and your child will be issued with the instrument.

Please see the details below should you wish for your child to receive school instrument lessons.

Yours faithfully

Mr Magor
Music Lead

APPLICATION FOR INSTRUMENT TUITION

If you have already had contact with the school or individual instrument teachers regarding music lessons in September prior to this letter you do not need to apply again.

If you are interested in your child receiving music lessons at Allenbourn Music School, please send an e-mail to the corresponding teacher below.

PIANO - Miss Lauren Mackie – lauren_mackie@hotmail.com

DRUM KIT – Mr Luke Selby – lselbydrums@yahoo.co.uk

WOODWIND (Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet) – Mrs Jayne Dunford – jaynedunford@yahoo.co.uk

OBOE — Miss Tamara Sullivan — tamarafsullivan@yahoo.com

SINGING – Mrs Stephanie Martin-Papp - stephanie@martin-papp.com

STRINGS (Violin, Viola) – Miss Jasmine Morgan – jasmine.morgan5@gmail.com

WOODWIND (Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet) - Miss Jasmine Morgan – jasmine.morgan5@gmail.com

ACOUSTIC/ELECTRIC GUITAR – jason.shearing@yahoo.co.uk