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Dear Parent/Carer

Peripatetic Instrumental and Vocal Lessons

I am writing to inform you that Peripatetic Music lessons will resume in September. Lessons will be taking place through Buckinghamshire Music Trust. There are a variety of instrumental teachers available from orchestral instruments to rock and pop instruments. If your child is interested in taking up an instrument then you will need to contact Bucks Music Trust directly using the attached link for the online application form. <https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/>

An outline of the fees are below. Depending on the number of students who have expressed an interest in each instrument, lessons may run as one-to-one or group sessions.

Once your child's place is confirmed with Bucks Music Trust the school will be informed by them directly to confirm the day and time of the lessons. You will be notified by the Peripatetic Teacher of the time and date for your lesson and will be invoiced through Bucks Music Trust not through the school.

Bucks Music Trust can offer support and subsidies to allow any child to participate. They offer a flexible service through schools, music centres and online.

Subsidies to promote opportunity for all children

- Subsidies can be applied to all fees, including Music Centre memberships and BMT is absolutely committed to ensuring that all children can have the opportunity to access lessons.

Students eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)		50% reduction
Siblings	2 nd child	15% reduction
	3 rd child	30% reduction
	Each subsequent child	50% reduction

If your financial situation is such that you are not eligible for FSM but find that the headline fees are challenging, BMT have other bursaries available on application of up to 50%. Their assessment process is confidential and focused on their mission to make sure that all music is available to all children.

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to finance@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.



Instrumental & Vocal teaching – all instruments (subject to availability)

- 33 lessons per academic year and all fees are payable per term in advance
- Parents are billed directly whether lessons are in music centres or schools, except where a school has agreed to subsidise pupils using pupil premium.

Individual lessons				Group lessons	
Length	Tuition only rate	Music Centre members	50% subsidy rate	All group lessons are 30 mins	
20 mins	£162	£140	£81	Small Group	£110
30 mins	£242	£210	£121	Large Group	£80

- Small Group is for 2/3 pupils – up to Grade 2 when it is recommended to move to an individual lesson
- Large Group is for 4 – 6 pupils – up to Grade 1 and is intended to follow on from Whole Class Provision in schools for those pupils who want to continue learning or start learning an instrument
- Longer lessons are available for senior students - please enquire at musicservice@bucksmusic.org
- Individual lessons have discounted rates for Music Centre members to recognise the value of playing in ensembles to the development of instrumental skills. The discounted rate shown above is for lessons and **does not** include the Music Centre membership – this remains at £80.

Music Centre membership £80 per term

- Membership gives access to **all** ensembles at **all** their Music Centres, including Hi-Gain, song writing and music production classes
- Details of all Music Centre timetables are on their website: www.bucksmusic.org
- Music Centre members receive a discount on individual instrumental/vocal lessons

Instrument hire

- All instruments from their stock (subject to availability) can be hired at a cost of **£25 per term**
- Loans are available to all young musicians in Buckinghamshire, but priority is given to BMT Music Centre members

If you are interested then please complete your application by Monday 18 July. <https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/>. Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact either Bucks Music Trust directly or our Performing Arts would be happy to help rcurness@buckinghamsschool.org

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C I Nash

Teacher of Music

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