



CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL

MUSIC TUITION



Welcome to the Department of Performing Arts, we are pleased to be able to offer pupils the opportunity of receiving musical instrumental tuition. You may already play a musical instrument or you may wish to take up a new instrument.

What instrument can I play?

Tuition is available on the following instruments:

Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Electric Guitar, Acoustic Guitar

Woodwind: Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Recorder

Brass: Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba

Keyboard: Keyboard, Piano

Percussion: Orchestral (timpani, snare, tuned), Drum Kit, Xylophone

Voice

Who will teach me?

Bath & North East Somerset Music Service provides the school with a team of peripatetic instrumental teachers who visit the school to teach pupils on a weekly basis.

When will my lessons take place?

Instrumental lessons take place throughout the school day so you will come out of your normal lessons. Lessons rotate from week to week so that the same curriculum time is not missed two weeks running. Lunchtime and twilight sessions are not available for Lower School pupils. Remember that you will have to copy up work that you miss.

What if my teacher or I miss a lesson?

When a teacher cancels a music lesson, it will be re-scheduled to another week. Similarly, if a music lesson is missed due to a school event such as a school trip or exam, with prior notice to the teacher, we will re-schedule the missed lesson. There is plenty of time to make up lessons. If we are unable to re-schedule the lesson, we will arrange to refund you for the missed lessons, otherwise payments are non-refundable.

Do I have to have my own instrument?

Yes, as there are no school instruments available to borrow. There is, however, a special arrangement between local authority schools and HM Customs and Excise, which allows for goods which are incidental to the provision of education to be purchased by the school and sold to parents/carers excluding VAT. For those pupils who are receiving music tuition through school and, as part of that instruction, need to purchase a musical instrument to use during the lesson, they can do so through the school. All purchases under this agreement are, of course, subject to strict rules and open to scrutiny by the authorities. But if your parents/carers wish to take advantage of this arrangement, they should contact the school and speak to the Finance Manager before any arrangements are made.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form and return with payment before **Friday 20th November.**

I wish my child to receive Music Lessons during Term 3 & 4 for 10 weeks.

Pupil's Name: _____ Form: _____

Instrument played/Voice: _____

Type of lesson you wish to receive:

Late Payment for 5 weeks Individual Cost £160

Late Payment for 5 weeks Group Cost £90

If your child receives Free School Meals please tick the box

If you wish to receive a receipt please tick the box

I have read and understand the terms and conditions as outlined on the information sheet and wish to receive Music Tuition at Chew Valley School.

Cheques should be made payable to Chew Valley School and sent to **SUZANNE GAVED — Performing Arts Office**

Signed (Pupil): _____

Signed (Parent/Carer): _____

Date: _____

Unfortunately, we will be unable to book a place for your child if your payment is not included with the form.

Will I have the opportunity to perform with others?

Yes, there are many extra curricular activities that take place at lunchtimes which include junior choir, senior choir, chamber choir, string ensemble, school band, folk group, intermediate orchestra and junior jazz ensemble. When you reach the right standard you will be expected to join an appropriate group. It is great to work with other musicians and singers and perform in concerts.

Where can I store my instrument during the school day?

Unfortunately, there is no secure locker space available in the school for pupils' instruments. There is a storage space available in the Music Block, but instruments are not covered by the school's insurance. Your parents/carers should check that their household insurance provides cover.

How will my parents/carers know what progress I am making?

You will be given a special Music Homework Diary in your first lesson that you will use to record what you need to practise for the next week. Your teacher and parents/carers can also communicate with each other in your diary regarding sheet music and books that you will need to purchase and also about examinations that you may wish to take. You will also receive an annual report.

How much do lessons cost?

The Music tuition charge is for 10 lessons at a cost of:

Half hour group lesson (2 or 3 max) (some teach one child per 15 mins) £90*

Half hour requested individual lessons £160

*If we are unable to accommodate a group lesson due to the nature of the instrument or the standard of performer, then a 15 minute individual lesson at a different charge will be allocated.

It is strongly recommended that keyboard and piano students receive individual lessons.

For those pupils who receive Free School Meals no charge will be made for one Group lesson.

When and How do I pay?

Your parents/carers must complete an Instrumental Music Tuition form by the beginning of the term prior to the term you wish to have the music tuition. You must return the form, together with your payment to Suzanne Gaved.

What if I decide that it's not for me?

Please let the Head of Performing Arts know as soon as possible so that your place can be allocated to someone else.

I am very interested in taking up/carrying on with an instrument. What do I do now?

Please fill in the attached form and return it to Suzanne Gaved at school with your payment.