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"GROWING HEARTS AND MINDS TOGETHER"

Does your child want to learn an instrument?

For a long time now, North Yorkshire Music Service have offered music tuition in schools where a specialist music teacher comes into school once a week. However, for around £220 per term, it isn't cheap for individual lessons! Group lessons, however, are considerably cheaper, coming in at £80 per term (free for current Looked After Children or children in receipt of free school meals). A group lesson is for between 2 and 4 children and so is still small enough for children to receive individualised tuition.

Having looked into this myself for my own daughter, I realised there was another hurdle to cross: finding other children, of a similar ability, in the same school, who also wanted to learn the same instrument; this seemed a little like finding a needle in a haystack!

In order to make music tuition more accessible for the children at our school, I would like to take away this barrier by trying to 'match up' children who could learn within a group setting and saving parents some money along the way.

Group lessons are available from North Yorkshire Music Service on the following instruments. They recommend lessons for wind instruments don't start until Year 3/4.

- Woodwind - Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Recorder, Piccolo, Saxophone
- Brass - Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Tuba, French Horn, Tenor Horn, Euphonium
- Strings - Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
- Guitar, Electric Guitar, Electric Bass
- Drum Kit, Tuned and Un-tuned Percussion
- Keyboard and Piano
- Voice

If you would be interested in putting your child's name forward for being part of a group session, please fill in the slip attached. If we have the correct number of children that match the criteria to be in a group lesson together, I will contact you to discuss next steps and help to get the group session up and running. If we don't manage to find any other children to create a group, I will also let you know.

As a school, we will be facilitating these groups by matching children up and being the venue for the sessions to take place. Beyond that, you will be signing up directly with the Music Service and communicating with them regarding any future queries around lessons.

Instrument hire is also available from the service, at an extra cost, but I would also be willing to help with the search of affordable second-hand instruments using local music contacts. As mentioned above, if your child is in receipt of **free school meals** (not national KS1 school meal entitlement) or is a current **Looked After Child**, North Yorkshire Music Service offer these group sessions for **FREE** so please make this clear on the reply slip.

I really do hope that this will help more children access extra-curricular music opportunities within our school.

Liz Rhodes
Music Coordinator



Music Tuition Reply Slip (for Mrs Rhodes)

Child's full name	
Child's year group	
Instrument	
Parent/carer's name	
Parent/carer's phone number	
Parent/carer's email address	
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