



# Blanford Mere Nursery and Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## MUSIC LESSONS WITH DUDLEY PERFORMING ARTS

Once again we will be working with Dudley Performing Arts (DPA) to provide instrumental tuition at Blanford Mere from September. Music is an important part of school life and I very much hope those of you currently learning with DPA will wish to continue.

All children from year 1 to year 6 have enjoyed Samba Drumming this year. This Whole Class Instrumental Teaching (WCIT) has been provided free of charge by the school. All of the children have enjoyed these lessons and some have shown a real aptitude for rhythm and playing as part of a larger group. Research shows that learning an instrument enhances other aspects of learning and we are fortunate to be able to offer music tuition in school for those parents who would like their child to learn to play an instrument. Today, staff from Dudley Performing Arts showcased their skills in music. We hope that some of our children may be inspired to have private lessons to further develop their skills from September.

If you would like your child to have instrumental lessons from September you need to know the following:

Lessons will be provided by DPA staff during the day, on a rota system as far as possible to minimise disruption. Most students will learn in small groups.

In addition to any lessons that your child has in school, they are automatically entitled to join DPA bands, groups or ensembles free of charge as part of the cost of the lessons. These are held at Saltwells in the evenings. There are then opportunities to perform in termly concerts which are great fun.

A total of 34 lessons will be provided over the course of the academic year. Lessons missed due to staff absence etc. will be made up. As a school we commission DPA to provide teaching time for a whole year, so the expectation of parents is they make a commitment for this length of time. Please read the Terms and Conditions for more information about this.

Tuition costs:                    Group lesson £95.00 per term. This is extremely competitive compared to tuition elsewhere.

Instrumental hire                £15.00 per term.

Please note that guitars and keyboards are not available for hire.

If you wish your child to begin or continue receiving tuition in September please complete and return the attached slip to the **School Office by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. All fees are to be paid in full at the start of each term, i.e. September, January and April. You will receive an invoice once place is confirmed. **Please do not send any payments with the return slip.**

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### FOR INSTRUMENTAL TUITION AT BLANFORD MERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### LESSONS

- ❖ Lessons commence at the start of each term
- ❖ The basic length of a group lesson is 20 minutes
- ❖ Students are entitled to 34 lessons during the course of the academic year
- ❖ Lessons missed due to staff absence will be made up. Staff do their best to make up lessons as a result of student absence, but not where the student fails to attend through illness, appointments etc.

#### FEES

- ❖ Fees are due upon receipt of an invoice payable for the term and are **non-refundable**.
- ❖ **Please note, you are signing up for music lessons for the whole academic year. Students who give up during the course of the year will not be refunded for missed lessons and parents will still be required to pay for the whole year.**
- ❖ Where an invoice has not been paid, Blanford Mere Primary School will send appropriate reminders until the account is brought up to date

#### INSTRUMENTAL HIRE

- ❖ Every effort will be made to ensure hired instruments are in a condition which allows the student to progress
- ❖ Hire charges cover normal wear and tear, but not the cost of replacement strings, rosin, reeds valve oil or cleaning
- ❖ In the event of wilful damage or negligence, parents will be responsible for the cost of replacement or repair
- ❖ Insurance against damage or loss is the responsibility of parents
- ❖ In the event of theft, police should be informed and a crime number obtained
- ❖ When tuition ceases the instrument should be returned to school at the last lesson

#### LESSON CANCELLATION

- ❖ Tuition is commissioned for the **whole year** since the school will be invoiced for the cost of that tuition by Dudley Performing Arts on your behalf.



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## RETURN THIS SLIP ONLY

### TO: SCHOOL RECEPTION

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_

Form \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require instrument hire? YES/NO (delete as appropriate)

Existing DPA student? YES/NO (delete as appropriate)

I no longer wish for my child to receive Individual Music Lessons . (please tick)

**By returning this form you are confirming that you have received and read the Terms of Agreement and that you are entering into an agreement with the school, requesting weekly lessons for the whole academic year September 2019 to July 2020 and accepting responsibility to pay for them.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian) Date \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR INFORMATION

DPA are able to provide tuition at Blanford Mere, on the following instruments:

STRINGS - Violin

WOODWIND - Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, Recorder

CONTEMPORARY - Classical Guitar, Electric Guitar

KEYBOARD