

Colman Junior School  
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Colman Infant School  
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Mrs Julie Sandford  
Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have a long and rich history of playing musical instruments in our school and we are very proud of the excellent standards our children attain in this.

This week demonstrations have taken place from the Music Service to show the Year 3 children the wide range of instruments they can learn here.

Lessons cost £6.00 for 10 minutes a week; this is the actual cost to the school. Beginners are usually taught in groups of 2-4 children, meaning a group lesson of 20 minutes for 2 children, 30 minutes for 3 children and 40 minutes for 4 children. As children progress with their playing, the music teacher may decide that they would benefit from a longer lesson or being taught in a smaller group. If this is the case, this would be discussed with you fully as there would be an increase in costs to you. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, then the cost of the instrument teaching is subsidised by the school from its Pupil Premium funding and lessons cost £2.00 per week.

Instrument hire, from the Music Service, for the first year of learning is now free. After that, you will need to pay for instrument hire which is from £15.00-£25.00 per term depending on the instrument. Instrument hire is free for children who are eligible for Pupil Premium. Children are also able to use their own instrument, if they have one.

You can apply for your child to receive instrument teaching using the attached form. Some instruments are very popular and as the visiting teachers are only in school for a fixed amount of time each week, it can sometimes be difficult to meet everyone's requests. Places will be allocated in order of application so it is important to return the form quickly. We will hold a waiting list for any children that are not allocated a place. Usually we do have places come up throughout the year, so will be in touch when a place becomes available.

If your child is offered a place, you will receive an email and an invoice for the whole term's lessons. It is really important that the fees for the whole term are paid promptly. This is because the school has to pay the Music Service for the visiting teacher's time. If payment is not received when required, lessons will be stopped.

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If you would like to apply for a music tuition place for your child, please fill in and return the attached form as soon as possible so places can be allocated.

Yours faithfully

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Julie Sandford  
Executive Headteacher  
Colman Federation

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Please return to School Office via Class Teacher

Child's Name .....

Class .....

**Instruments available:-**

**Violin/Viola**

**Flute/Clarinet/Saxophone**

**Guitar**

**Drums** (Please note the drum lessons are only offered as a 15 minute individual lesson and the charge will be £9.00 per lesson or if eligible for Pupil Premium then £2.00 per lesson).

**Trumpet/Trombone/Euphonium**

I would like to apply for : .....

If my child's first choice is not available immediately, I should like to :-

Go on waiting list

Apply for (please list second choice) .....

I agree to the system of parental contributions detailed in your letter.

My child does/does not have his/her own instrument.

Please given details of own instrument below.

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My child is eligible for 'Pupil Premium' funding

Signed .....

Dated.....