

A GUIDE TO MUSIC AT LYTCHETT MATRAVERS

Part 1: Getting Going

When is the right time to start?

This obviously varies from child to child as they all develop at different times and at different rates. Ask the following questions:

1. Does my child really want to learn to play an instrument?
2. Is my child physically capable of operating the instrument?
3. Will my child have the enthusiasm and support to practice regularly?

DANGER: Don't start too young.

If a child is not ready to learn they will wish to give up.

If a child gives something up they will be unlikely to want to return to it later on.

An older child will learn considerably quicker than a younger one.

What instrument?

<u>Options</u>	<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Difficulties</u>	<u>When</u>
BLOW	Recorder		Y2
	Flute	Making a sound	Y3
	Clarinet		Y3
	Saxophone	Size	Y4
	Trumpet		Y3
	Trombone	Size	Y4
STRING	Violin	Hard to start with	Y2
	Guitar		Y3
	Uke		Y3
OTHERS	Piano	Hand size	Y3
		Reading 2 staves	
THEORY	Drums	Co-ordination	Y3/4
	None		Y4

Instrumental Music teachers

Woodwind - Mrs de Garis

Drums - Mr Bennett

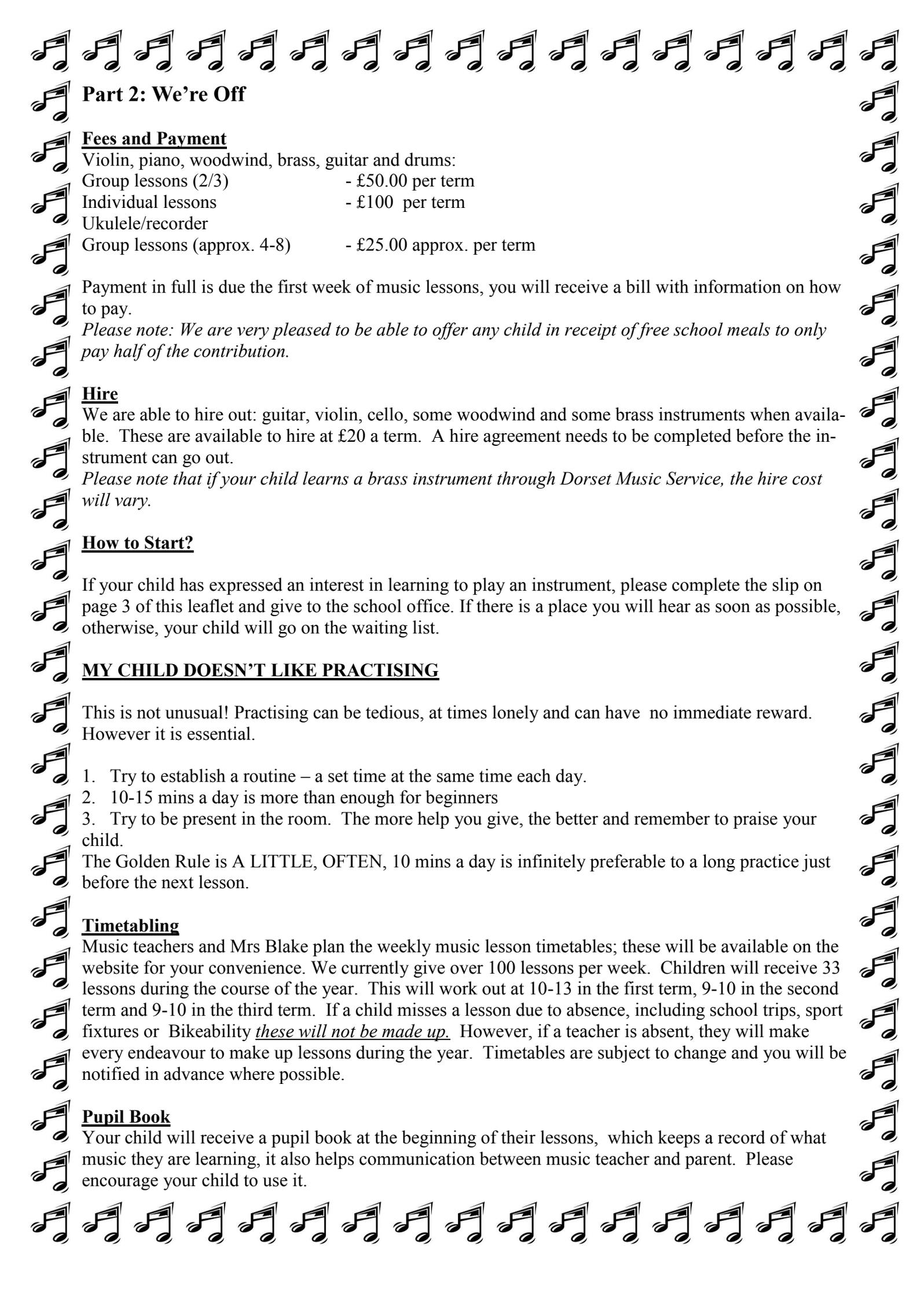
Violin - Mrs Stenwak

Piano - Mrs de Garis

Guitar - Mr Gibson

Brass - Dorset Music Service

Cello - Mrs Childs

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Part 2: We're Off

Fees and Payment

Violin, piano, woodwind, brass, guitar and drums:

Group lessons (2/3) - £50.00 per term

Individual lessons - £100 per term

Ukulele/recorder

Group lessons (approx. 4-8) - £25.00 approx. per term

Payment in full is due the first week of music lessons, you will receive a bill with information on how to pay.

Please note: We are very pleased to be able to offer any child in receipt of free school meals to only pay half of the contribution.

Hire

We are able to hire out: guitar, violin, cello, some woodwind and some brass instruments when available. These are available to hire at £20 a term. A hire agreement needs to be completed before the instrument can go out.

Please note that if your child learns a brass instrument through Dorset Music Service, the hire cost will vary.

How to Start?

If your child has expressed an interest in learning to play an instrument, please complete the slip on page 3 of this leaflet and give to the school office. If there is a place you will hear as soon as possible, otherwise, your child will go on the waiting list.

MY CHILD DOESN'T LIKE PRACTISING

This is not unusual! Practising can be tedious, at times lonely and can have no immediate reward. However it is essential.

1. Try to establish a routine – a set time at the same time each day.
2. 10-15 mins a day is more than enough for beginners
3. Try to be present in the room. The more help you give, the better and remember to praise your child.

The Golden Rule is A LITTLE, OFTEN, 10 mins a day is infinitely preferable to a long practice just before the next lesson.

Timetabling

Music teachers and Mrs Blake plan the weekly music lesson timetables; these will be available on the website for your convenience. We currently give over 100 lessons per week. Children will receive 33 lessons during the course of the year. This will work out at 10-13 in the first term, 9-10 in the second term and 9-10 in the third term. If a child misses a lesson due to absence, including school trips, sport fixtures or Bikeability *these will not be made up*. However, if a teacher is absent, they will make every endeavour to make up lessons during the year. Timetables are subject to change and you will be notified in advance where possible.

Pupil Book

Your child will receive a pupil book at the beginning of their lessons, which keeps a record of what music they are learning, it also helps communication between music teacher and parent. Please encourage your child to use it.

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Your child attending their lesson - on time!

*This is always a challenge - in all schools! We positively encourage the children to take the responsibility to get to their lesson on time - particularly for children in years 4,5 and 6. If a pupil is late, the music teacher has to find the pupil, which consequently means that they will have a shorter lesson and/or lessons after are behind schedule. If this happened to just one pupil a day it wouldn't cause much of a disruption, however, it is too often a few too many. **Therefore, we have set up a reward system that you can find at the back of their pupil book, whereby if your child arrives on time and they have also practised their music, they will receive a signature, 5 signatures becomes a credit!***

Part 3: Music Throughout the Year

Termly Concert

Providing that there is enough new material, we hold termly 'assemblies' where the children can exhibit their newly acquired skills to an audience of fellow students and parents.

Music Clubs and Activities

Extra-curricular clubs and activities are run through the year. These may be building towards a particular performance, or a regular rehearsal time.

- KS1 Choir
- KS2 Choir
- Orchestra - (Tuesdays) Pupils will be informed by their music teacher when they are of a standard to take part.
- Ukulele club

Please remember that these clubs are run through staff good will and are subject to other commitments.

Special Events

We work closely with our partner schools in the Lytchett Pyramid, and take part in various workshops and concerts with them.

Any queries, please contact Miss Wells or Mrs Blake through the School Office or by phoning the School on (01202) 622378.

To register your interest please complete slip below and you will receive a full information pack to complete (this does not necessarily ensure your child a place).

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Name of child..... **Class in September**.....

Would like to start with.....instrument lesson.

Name.....Date.....

Telephone number.....

Contact email.....