



## 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?**

**PRACTISE IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL—WITHOUT IT, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT MAKE PROGRESS.**

### What instrument?

<u>Options</u>	<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Difficulties</u>	<u>When</u>
BLOW	Recorder		Y3
	Flute	Making a sound	Y3
	Clarinet		Y3
	Saxophone	Size	Y5
	Trumpet		Y3
	Trombone	Size	Y4
STRING	Violin	Hard to start with	Y3
	Guitar		Y3
	Uke		Y3
OTHERS	Piano	Hand size	Y3
	Drums	Reading 2 staves Co-ordination	Y3/4
THEORY	None		Y4

### Instrumental Music teachers

Woodwind - Mrs Neagle  
Drums - Mr Bennett  
Violin - Mrs Glaser  
Piano - Mrs Storey  
Guitar - Mr Gibson  
Brass - Mr Bilby  
Ukulele - Mrs Storey

**Please note that in order to facilitate communication between the peripatetic teacher and parents, we require permission to pass on contact details to the peripatetic teacher.**

A decorative border of musical notes surrounds the text. At the top, a row of 16 eighth notes spans the width. On the right side, a vertical column of 16 eighth notes runs down. At the bottom, a row of 16 eighth notes spans the width. On the left side, a vertical column of 16 eighth notes runs up.

## Part 2: We're Off

### Fees and Payment from January 2023

1 x child 10 mins per week = **£59.15** per term    1 x child 15 mins per week = **£87.71** per term  
2 x children 20 mins per week = **£59.15** per term    1 x child 20 mins per week = **£118.34** per term  
3 x children 30 mins per week = **£59.15** per term  
Ukulele = **£41.15** per term.

Payment is required in full within two weeks of invoicing. Please note that if payment is not made, lessons will be suspended.

*Please note: We are very pleased to be able to offer any child in receipt of free school meals half price fees.*

### 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 hires an 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 contact the school office. If there is a place your child will be timetabled for lessons in September, otherwise we will let you know and your child will be put on the waiting list. Priority is given to older children. Instruments such as guitar and drums are very popular and there are already waiting lists for these instruments. Children currently on the waiting lists will take priority in September.

### 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. Your child will not make progress without it!**

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 and praise you can give, the better.

### Timetabling

We currently give over 100 lessons per week. Children will receive the equivalent of 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 where possible. There is room for flexibility for peripatetic teachers in order to accommodate the different events during the school year, where possible.

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 effort to make up lessons during the year. If they are unable to make them up then bills will be adjusted accordingly. Timetables are subject to change and you will be notified in advance where possible.

### Your child attending their lesson - on time!

This is always a challenge - in all schools. Lesson times are displayed in each classroom and outside the studio. It is the responsibility of the pupil to get to the lesson on time. If a pupil misses the lesson when the teacher is on site, these lessons will still be billed.

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### Performances

We aim to give children the opportunity to perform on their instrument either informally in assemblies, or through more structured concerts when appropriate.

### Special Events

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

If you have any queries, please contact Miss Wells through the School Office or by phoning the School on (01202) 622378.

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