

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY MUSIC SERVICE

Terms and Conditions upon which instrumental tuition is made available

1. A guaranteed minimum of 28 lessons per year will be provided – though every effort will be made to provide 30. The aim is to provide 10 lessons per term - but this may vary due to external circumstances beyond our control – eg unforeseen absence or unavailability of a teacher or disproportionate term lengths due to the date on which Easter falls.
2. Lessons will last for a minimum of twenty minutes and a maximum of thirty minutes. The legal maximum group size of four has been removed from the Education Act 1996 and, subject to confirmation of the new regulations tuition will be delivered in small (Standard) groups of an appropriate size, determined in accordance with good educational practice. Standard Group lessons will be provided unless parent or guardian elected otherwise.
3. Lessons will generally take place during the normal school day. It may, exceptionally and subject to availability, be possible to schedule lessons for lunch times or after school.
4. Payment terms: fees will be payable termly, in advance, with an option to spread the annual cost over a nine month period by Direct Debit. It will, additionally, be possible to make payments by other means and over different periods subject to agreement; details are obtainable on request. Suspension of lessons and/or Music Centre membership due to non-payment of fees will incur a £10 admin fee per suspension. *Parents / Guardians are responsible for ensure the Music Service has an up to date contact addres.*
5. Pupils will be expected to attend all instrumental lessons.
6. Where, through illness, a pupil is absent for three or more consecutive lessons a credit will be allowed in respect of fees for lessons missed. There will be no other refunds made except in circumstances where, due to the absence or unavailability of a teacher, the requisite number of lessons cannot be achieved.
7. In the event that a parent wishes to give notice that lessons are not to continue this must be received in writing at County Music Service, SB115, CYPS Business Support, County Hall, Northallerton. DL7 8AE.: Payment of fees will be required up to the end of the half term in which the written notice is received.
- 7a. In respect of Music Centre activities (out of school ensembles or theory classes) termination of membership is likewise subject to written notice of a minimum of half a term.
8. Having initially satisfied the school and the relevant instrumental teacher of their musical aptitude and subject to the availability of the Authority to provide suitable tuition, pupils may continue their lessons until further notice unless their rate of progress, poor attendance, conduct or unviable group size render this inappropriate.
9. Remission Schemes

Sibling discount – a discount of £5.00 per term will be allowed for a second sibling in the same family receiving instrumental tuition. The discount will similarly be £10.00 per term for third and subsequent pupils.

Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based), Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit with annual income below £16,190 as stated on Award letter and not receiving Working Tax Credit, or otherwise eligible for Free School Meals (Guarantee element of State Pension Credit / Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999) ***** – eligibility entitles claimants, subject to documentary proof of their entitlement, to learn one instrument in a Standard Group at no cost. Tuition on any further instruments will be chargeable at the full rate applicable for such lessons at the time.

Individual 20 minute lessons can be made available to pupils in this category at nil cost who, in the opinion of their peripatetic instrumental teacher, have reached a playing standard equivalent to Associated Board Grade 6.

Working Tax Credit *** – eligibility entitles claimants, subject to documentary proof of their entitlement, to learn one instrument in a Standard Group at a discount of 30%. Tuition on any further instruments will be similarly chargeable at the full rate applicable for such lessons at the time.

Individual 20 minute lessons can be made available to pupils in this category at 30% discount who, in the opinion of their peripatetic instrumental teacher, have reached a playing standard equivalent to Associated Board Grade 6.

** £16,190 annual income value applicable from 6 April 2016

*** Job Seekers Allowance (Contribution Based) or Child Tax Credit with annual income of £16,190, or over as stated on the Award letter does not confer eligibility for reduced fees.