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1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Hampshire Music Service (HMS) Tuition for children in KS2 for 2024/2025 Woodwind (clarinet, flute) Brass, Guitar, Ukulele, Violin**

We have successfully offered a variety of music lessons with specialist teachers from Hampshire Music Services (HMS) in previous years and would like to continue this opportunity for your child from September 2024.

Schools have to apply very soon for the required number of pupils and Instruments for the next academic year. In order for us to request the right number of lessons from HMS, please return your completed slip to the school office by 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

The musical instruments listed above are offered at St John's. In some cases, an instrument can be hired at low cost from HMS but in other cases you may need to provide your own.

**The cost for the full year for music tuition will be approximately £300, payable termly in advance. (Please note this figure may change slightly depending on the number of pupils taking up the offer of lessons).**

This cost represents good value when compared to private lessons available locally. Your child may be in a group and depending on group sizes will have a 20-30 minute lesson. Children are guaranteed 30 lessons a year, but may get more, there are 39 weeks in the school calendar and these extra 9 weeks allows for teacher sickness and INSET days etc without impacting on the core offer of 30 lessons a year. Lessons take place during the school day, although this depends on teacher availability and so timings are not guaranteed.

If your child receives means tested free school meals please contact the school office via the above email about how our charging and remissions policy seeks to enable your child to participate in music activities at school so that we can arrange for the funds to be in place to allow your child to take part.

We will shortly inform HMS of how many children require lessons – at that point, you will be committed to pay for the lessons that we book in advance on your child's behalf. We will therefore, require you to make an **initial non-refundable deposit of £75** via Arbor by Thursday **9<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. You then have the option of paying the remaining balance in full by 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 or by three equal instalments before the end of each term prior to lessons commencing.

If there is an insufficient number of children interested in the tuition to make it cost effective to run, we may not be able to offer the full range of instruments as above.



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Before making a commitment to these lessons, **please be aware that commitment made is for the whole academic year** – as this is the school’s arrangement with HMS. Notice to discontinue lessons should be in writing and will only be accepted at the end of a term – any **future lessons will only be refunded should there be a child on the waiting list** wanting to learn that instrument. A commitment is also expected from the child and family to prompt regular attendance, a good attitude and of course, practice!

**Please note that we require a reply from pupils currently taking lessons, if they wish to continue.**

We hope your child wants to take part in learning an instrument whilst they are at St John’s.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs Kay Bowen**  
**Headteacher**

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### **HMS Tuition in 2024/25**

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I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_

to begin/continue music tuition from **September 2024**

I would like my child to enrol in the following HMS lessons:

- Brass
- Guitar
- Flute/ clarinet (please clarify which instrument)
- Ukulele
- Violin

**I have read and understood the letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 providing the information regarding music lessons at St John the Baptist C of E Primary School with HMS. By replying to the school, I am committing to paying the full year’s cost of lessons, of approx. £300 total, with a non-refundable deposit of £75 and the remainder of payments as stated in the letter. I also understand that the timing of the lessons is dependent on HMS timetabling and is not certain.**

Name of parent/carer:

Date:

