

September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Newman School Instrumental Music Lessons

Your child has shown an interest in starting/continuing music lessons at Newman. Here at Newman, we use a mixture of private and Music Service teachers. All teachers are highly qualified and well respected in their chosen field of instrument speciality in Carlisle and Cumbria. Instrument tuition is available include Violin, upper Woodwind, Guitar, Piano and Singing. Subject to availability.

Lessons in school are cheaper than having private lessons where the cost of some tuition can be in the region of £25 for a half hour session. Our charge, once numbers are fully confirmed, will be between £11-16 per session. The school has a range of instruments which pupils can borrow with due care to ensure no hidden costs of instrumental hire.

Pupils leave their normal classes on a rota basis to attend music tuition in small groups or on own so minimal disruption to lessons is achieved - lunchtimes and breaks are used where possible. Class teachers will require your child to catch up with any work missed.

If you wish your child to have lessons, as a school we expect the following:

- Pupils will turn up for music lessons on time with their music and instrument.
- Pupils will attend specific music groups in school at lunch-time or after-school such as choir with singing or ensemble for those who play instruments.
- Pupils will be required to perform at concerts in and out of school.
- Pupils will catch up on work missed as required by class teachers.

At the start of each term your child will be given a timetable, and if there are any issues with lesson clashes, then these will be dealt with. Lessons can be paid for weekly or termly. If they are not, unfortunately the lesson will be stopped.

I hope your child takes advantage of this opportunity to further their musical skills. If you would like music tuition for your child, please complete the reply slip and return it to me at johnstone@newman.cumbria.sch.uk then with coordination with the music service, will start to prepare for these lessons under Covid 19 regulations.

Please note if your child decides to cease their lessons a **full term's notice is required in writing**. Please do not hesitate to contact me in school to discuss any queries that you may have.

Yours faithfully

Lee Johnstone
Head of Music

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I wish my child(name) to have instrumental lessons

On the(instrument/singing) at Newman School for the year 2021-2022.

I understand the terms detailed above, including attending extra music sessions, the period of notice to cease lessons and accept responsibility for payment.

My child will need to borrow an instrument Y/N.

Signed.....(parent/carer) Print.....

Please return completed slip to Mr Johnstone, Music Department ASAP.