

Group Music Tuition Information

Introduction

Music is enjoyed by all at Pinner Wood School. Children across the school participate in performing, creating and responding to music. The school believes that instrumental music tuition makes an important contribution to the life of a child therefore the school will offer instrumental music tuition, in partnership with Harrow Music Service, to pupils as long as the Governors consider it is financially viable to do so.

As the school is required to commit to a specific number of music teachers for **the whole academic year**, your contract with the school is for the whole academic year. Payments made to the school for music lessons are **non-refundable** even if your child withdraws from tuition during the year.

Before music tuition can commence from September 2025, payments must be made in full by 31st August 2025 on Arbor.

Instrumental Lessons

Tuition is available in the following instruments:

- Violin (Year 2+)
- Drums (Year 3+)
- Keyboard (Year 3+)
- Guitar (Year 3+)
- Tabla (Year 3+)
- Clarinet (Year 3+) } Currently these instruments have a low number
- Flute (Year 3+) } of participants and may not continue next year if
- Saxophone (Year 3+) } this does not improve
- Brass }

This is an arrangement that has operated very successfully for a number of years and provides high quality tuition from suitably qualified, DBS checked staff.

Tuition is usually in small groups of up to 6 children for 30 minutes, depending on the instrument and the level of proficiency. The **minimum group size** for most instruments is **four**. If the group is not full, your child may be placed on a waiting list until we have enough participants.

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Lessons take place during the school day and are timetables to try and avoid regular clashes with school work. This is not always possible where a teacher only has one or two groups.

During the coming academic year the times of these lessons will be posted on the Music Room door and in the classrooms so that the pupils are aware in advance of their weekly timetables.

There is an expectation that the children will practice at home between the instrumental lessons. As a guide, 10 to 15 minutes practice 3 to 4 times a week should facilitate good music progress. Therefore, instruments should be taken home after each lesson.

The instrumental music teachers will provide a Practice Diary for communication between the teacher and the parents/carers; and an annual Music Service Progress Report.

Charging Policy

The annual cost for instrumental lessons during the 2025/2026 academic year is **estimated** to be around £290.00. This cost is only an estimated cost and will be confirmed when the Harrow Music Service price has been confirmed. This is non-refundable. Please help us by paying promptly.

Please copy and paste the following link to register interest in music tuition from September 2025. <u>https://forms.gle/Nw88rTsZjpM3T53Z8</u>

Once the place has been confirmed as available, you will be set up on Arbor to make the initial payment.

Payment is due in 4 instalments;

- £50 for a non-refundable initial deposit due by Friday 18th April 2025
- £240.00 by the end of August 2025 (3 instalments of £80)

Payment entitles children to a minimum of 30 lessons during the academic year. A record is kept of all lessons delivered. Catch up lessons are in place if these are required.

Refunds will not be given if a child is absent for any reason, or in the event that they leave the school or wish to stop lessons.

The Borough offers children the opportunity to enter music examinations. Instrumental teachers are not required to enter pupils for these graded examinations but will do so where it is considered to be in the best interest of the pupil. The instrumental teacher will be responsible for the entry. Parents will have to pay the examination fee if they wish their child to enter for graded examinations.



Further Information

Please contact the school office on 0208 868 2468 or email <u>comms@pinnerwood.co.uk</u> for any further information required.