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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I am writing to inform you of the instrumental tuition programme that is available to Sutton Courtenay Primary School pupils. Overleaf, you will find the details of the visiting instrumental teachers that work through **Oxfordshire Music Service (OMS)**, **Private Teachers** and **iRock** including pricing for lessons.

Should you wish your child to have instrumental lessons at Sutton Courtenay for:

- **Oxfordshire Music Service (OMS)** [OMS](#)
- **Private Teachers** please complete the form overleaf FAO: Mrs S Tester
- **iRock** [iRock](#)

Please note: when you sign up for lessons you are doing so with either the Private Teacher, Oxfordshire Music Service or iRock and so your contract is with these organisations/people and not with the school. If at any time you wish to cease tuition, then written notice to the teacher or music service is required in accordance with the conditions stated in the contract which you will agree.

All pupils receive lessons on a rota basis and your child's teacher will contact you to introduce themselves and outline the terms and conditions. All visiting instrumental teachers have completed the appropriate enhanced disclosure checks.

If your child requires instrumental lessons but they do not have an instrument, then please indicate this on the application form and the teacher will do their best to assist you; please note, instruments are not needed to join an iRock group. Instruments are also available to hire from OMS at very reasonable rates please see on the website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kat Melidis
RET Primary Music Lead
Teacher of Music at Didcot Girls School
Ridgeway Education Trust

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Chief Executive Officer

Oxfordshire Music Service Lessons

Instruments provided:

Strings Hefin Miles –

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello

2025–2026 School Year Music Service Fees Music Lessons (per lesson term)

Lesson Type	Group Size / Duration	Last Year Fees	New Fees
Group	10+ pupils / 50 mins		
	7-9 pupils / 40 mins	£6.80	£7
	5-6 pupils / 30 mins		
	3-4 pupils / 20 mins		
Group 30	3-4 pupils / 30 mins	£9.80	£10
Paired 20	2 pupils / 20 mins	£11.50	£12
Paired 30	2 pupils / 30 mins	£17	£17
Individual 20	20 mins	£19.50	£20
Individual 30	30 mins	£29.25	£30
Individual 40	40 mins	£39	£40
Individual 60	60 mins	£58.50	£60

Instrument Hire (per term)

Instrument Type	Last Year Fees	New Fees
Violin / Viola / Guitars	£33.00	£33.00
All other instruments	£55.00	£55.00

Guidance from OMS regarding eligibility for funding.

Families may be entitled to free lessons and instrument hire if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits.

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Please be aware that entitlement to Free School Meals does not guarantee entitlement for free music lessons. You may be liable for the cost of lessons if your entitlement is not confirmed.

Private Teachers

Drew Prichard – Brass

Soprano Cornet, Cornet, Trumpet, Tenor Horn, French Horn (both double and single), Baritone Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Cimbasso, and Tuba (pitched in E-flat, B-flat, C, and F)

Individual 30-minute lessons £17.50

Individual 20-minute lessons £12.50

Instruments available to rent from Wantage Silver Band ask Drew for further details.

Kirra Thomas – Violin/Viola

30-minute lessons - £17.50

iRock

Rock Band Classes

30-minute lessons - £ 38.95 a month

MJ Music Services - Piano (Year 2+)

25-minute lessons (individual) - £18

- Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone (Year 2+)

25-minute lessons (Pair/individual) - £12.50/£18

30-minute lessons (Pair) - £14.50

30 minute lessons (Group of 3) - £10

Belinda Webb – Drum Kit

30-minute lessons (Pair/individual) – £12.50/£20

Sarah Louise Chitty – Voice

20-minute lessons (Pair/individual) - £6/£12

30-minute lessons (Pair/individual) - £9/£17.50

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RET Private Teacher (Peripatetic) Instrumental/Vocal Tuition Information Form

Student Name:

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Contact Phone No:

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Parent/Guardian Name:

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Contact Email:

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Contact Address:

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- We would like to apply for lessons from a **Private Teacher**
 Name of the Private Teacher

Instrumental lesson details:

Instrument you wish to learn:

Lesson Type: **Group / Individual** Approx. current standard:

Do you need information on hiring/purchasing an instrument? **YES / NO**

Would you be happy for the school to share relevant information with the teacher regarding any learning needs such as SEND? **YES/NO**

Parent/Guardian signature:

**Please return to: School Office, Sutton Courtenay Primary School
FAO: Mrs Sarah Tester – Music Lead Sutton Courtenay**

Please be aware that when you return this form, your details will be shared with the appropriate teacher to facilitate starting lessons.

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