



Box CE VC Primary School
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Monday 3rd June 2019

Dear Parents,

Instrumental Lessons September 2019

We are currently planning our instrumental provision for September 2019. We will continue to use our Wiltshire Music Connect [associate teachers](#) to provide cello, clarinet, flute, guitar, keyboard/piano, saxophone and violin. If enough children are interested we could also offer brass lessons, such as the trumpet, to children in Yr 4 and above.

Children in Yr 1 and above can learn to play the violin and cello. Our woodwind teacher will teach the flute, clarinet or saxophone to children in Yr 4 and above; at this age they are big enough for their fingers to reach all of the keys and make faster progress if they have learnt to play the recorder. We will continue to offer keyboard/piano and guitar to children from Yr 3.

The teachers will provide 33 lessons across the year with each lesson costing £5.65; children will usually be taught in pairs or small groups. Music lessons need to be paid for in advance each term and the total cost of the lessons for the year is £186.45. Our preference is for payment to be made online through School Gateway (a reminder will be sent when payment becomes due), alternatively you can send in three post-dated cheques made payable to 'Box CE Primary School' each for £62.15 and dated 1st September 2019, 1st January 2020 and 1st April 2020 which will be cashed during that month. Please pop in to see me **before** the summer holiday if your child receives free school meals or if the payment of lessons is difficult; we may be able to access a [subsidy](#) from Wiltshire Music to help towards the cost of lessons and instrument hire.

[Wiltshire Music Connect](#) has a supply of [instruments](#) available for hire, subject to availability. The list of instruments and the hire charges is attached with this letter (instrument hire is free for pupils in receipt of free school meals; this is different to the universal free school meals in key stage 1). All our music teachers are happy to recommend makes/models and advise on prices if you would like to buy an instrument for your child.

We make every effort to keep instruments safe in school but cannot accept responsibility for them; our insurance does not cover privately owned or hired instruments so please make sure your child's instrument is covered by your home insurance. It is important that if your child is considering playing an instrument that they understand the commitment they will need to make to practise regularly, look after their instrument and attend weekly lessons.



In signing your child up for music lessons you agree to give one calendar months' notice in writing ahead of either the Christmas or Easter holidays should you wish to stop the lessons. This is to fairly manage the impact of any changes in hours for our music teachers who are all self-employed.

Please fill in the form below indicating your child's choice of instrument/s and return the form to school by **Friday 14th June** with the three post-dated cheques or tick the box below to confirm you will make payments online through the School Gateway.

If your child is already having instrumental lessons at school and wishes to continue you also need to return the form below in order to sign them up for the coming year.

Yours sincerely

Jo French

Music Lessons September 2019

My child _____ would like to play the following instrument/s in September:

(please tick option/s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Violin (from Yr 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cello (from Yr 1) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keyboard (from Yr 3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar (from Yr 3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flute (from Yr 4) | <input type="checkbox"/> Clarinet (from Yr 4) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saxophone (from Yr 4) | <input type="checkbox"/> Brass (from Yr 4) indicate instrument, i.e. trumpet: _____ |

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- ☐ I confirm I will pay online through School Gateway for my child's music lessons (1st September 2019 for £62.15, 1st January 2020 for £62.15 and 1st April 2020 for £62.15)
Or,

- ☐ I enclose three post-dated cheques for music lessons (payable to Box CE Primary School) 1st September 2019 for £62.15, 1st January 2020 for £62.15, 1st April 2020 for £62.15
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- ☐ I would like to hire an instrument. I understand that by giving my email address I consent to it being shared with Wiltshire & Swindon Learning Resources solely for the purchase of arranging instrument hire and payment of the hire fee to them.

My email address is: _____

Signed _____ parent

Date _____

Please return this form to the office by Friday 14th June 2019