



# Music at St Mary's Primary School



## 2022-2023

### Extra Music Tuition

If your child would like to take their music beyond what happens in the classroom, they can begin learning to play an instrument at St Mary's with one of the peripatetic teachers from the East Riding Schools Music Service. This is available to children from Year 3 to Year 6.

At present we are able to offer lessons for the following instruments (subject to minimum numbers):

**Drums, Guitar, Brass, Flute and Clarinet. Pupils from Year 5 upwards can also learn the Saxophone.**

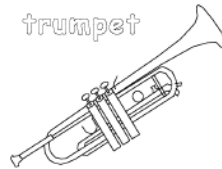
*The Music Service have produced a 'risk assessment' and 'safe system of work' which ensure the safety of children and staff during music lessons. Wherever possible lessons will be with children from the same bubble. Where this isn't possible, children from different bubbles will be kept 3 metres apart from each other for the duration of the lesson.*

Success with any instrument relies on hard work. It takes many hours of work to learn the language of music and the physical and technical skills, but these hours are made up of minutes, and **twenty minutes each day** will begin to produce quite a skilled musician who can really enjoy playing a tune!

The expectations and commitment of the children are to:

- Practice daily between lessons
- Keep a weekly record in their music diary of the pieces that require practice at home.
- Share their music diary with their family
- Check the times of their lessons each week
- Look after their instrument
- Take pride in their talent
- Have a go and enjoy themselves

Also, a part of learning to play an instrument is sharing their talent with others. As children progress with their instrument they will also participate in the school orchestra.



## Fees

The East Riding Schools Music Service do make a charge for instrumental lessons and the cost implications of learning to play an instrument need to be considered. The fees for lessons at St Mary's in 2022-2023 will be **£50 per term** for guitar, woodwind and brass and **£55 per term** for drums. The school doesn't make any money from these lessons, the fee covers the charge from the School Music Service. We have had to increase our fees this year, the first time since 2018, to cover the increase in the charge from the School Music Service. Payment requests will be posted on the School Gateway and all fees must be paid in full **prior** to the commencement of the lessons each term.

The hire or purchase of an instrument is also necessary. This could be from a reputable music retailer or through the Music Service which offers a purchase scheme at a competitive educational price which is not subject to VAT. However, should you not wish to purchase an instrument initially, the Music Service offers an instrument hire service and has a limited number of instruments available on loan. There is an initial free period of one term, after which the charge will be £20 per term.

Please note: If a pupil wishes to cancel their lessons their parent/carer must write to Mr Kemp at the school office giving **eight weeks notice**.

If your child is eligible for pupil premium funding, due to being registered for free school meals, the school's governors have decided to subsidise music lessons. The school will contribute £100 towards the cost of the lessons each academic year.



## What you should expect from lessons

All pupils will receive a minimum of 30 music lessons each year.

A written account in a dedicated music diary will be sent home weekly to ensure that good communication is maintained.

Lessons will be taught in small groups during the school day.

## What happens next?

If you would like your child to undertake musical lessons at St Mary's, please let us know via the school gateway, stating which instrument your child would like to play, by **Wednesday 25th May 2022**.