

Dear Parent/Carer,

July 2021

I would first like to thank you for your support of our instrumental music tuition over the last 15 months. Our team have delivered several thousand online lessons during the various periods of home learning, as well as managing to deliver as much face-to-face teaching as possible during the time that schools have been open. This has been a team effort and we thank you for your contribution in keeping music alive across our Academy Trust.

With the support of the Trust Directors, we will be implementing a revised charging policy for music tuition from September 2021. Our motivation for doing this is primarily to make learning an instrument more affordable at the outset, with charges only beginning to increase once children are committed to their learning and require more individualised attention. This pricing revision will also allow us to bring parity across the St Cuthbert's Trust and ensure that lessons cost the same regardless of which school a child attends, something which is not currently the case.

The pricing policy from September 2021 will be as follows:

- KS1 Beginner/KS2 Large Group Lessons - £10 per term
- 1st Year of Small Group Lessons - £20 per term
- Subsequent Primary Years - £40 per term

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- *Pupils in receipt of free school meals will continue to be entitled to free lessons.*
- *Financial or other help is available to support all pupils in accessing the music provision and individual cases will always be considered.*

It is important to clarify that this does not represent a price increase in most cases and in fact will see the cost reduced in some schools. We are keen for as many children to play an instrument as possible and for the decision to opt-in to this to be as 'low risk' as possible to families. We feel that this progressive pricing model will subsequently make sustained learning and progress more viable for families and give as many children as possible the opportunity to learn and thrive through music making.

Yours sincerely

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