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Dear Parent,

Musical Instrument Lessons

As your child moves into Year 2, they may be keen to start a musical instrument. The instruments we would advise at this stage would be violin, cello, recorder and piano. Instrumental hire is available from the school where appropriate. We are also able to offer group violin lessons. These lessons are a 'taster' and children move on to individual lessons when appropriate, often after a year. Woodwind and Brass instruments are generally too big for pupils of this age and children interested in these instruments would be advised to start with piano or recorder lessons at this stage.

Music lessons are taught during the school day on a rotational basis and the cost of lessons for 2017-2018 is £17.50 per lesson. (Group violin lessons are charged at £8.50 per pupil.) Parents may of course prefer their child to have lessons outside of school and can be assured that these children will still be able to participate fully in school ensembles and performances. Some instruments are also taught on a Saturday morning as part of the Saturday Music School in the Music Department.

Music lessons can be hugely beneficial to all areas of a child's development. The key to success on an instrument is practising at home and parents are advised that their support is vital here. Choosing a suitable instrument and knowing when a child is ready to begin their musical journey can be tricky. Advice is available from Mrs Copley-May and Miss Toolan. Please complete the form below in the first instance if your child is interested in starting an instrument in September. In order to guarantee that a space will be available, please return the slip below by Monday 12th June.

Miss Rachael Toolan

Yours sincerely.

Head of Music

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Name of son/daughter:		Form
My child is interested in learning the following musical instrument in school next year. (Please tick)		
Cello	Please tick: Recorder	
Violin (group lessons)	Piano	
Violin (individual lessons)	Would like advice	
Signed:		 Date