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Head of Music

Dear Parent

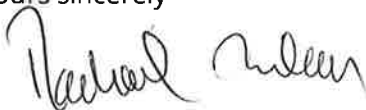
**Musical Instrument Lessons**

As your child moves into Year 2, they may be keen to start a musical instrument. The instruments we would advise at this stage are 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.

Music lessons are taught during the school day on a rotational basis and the cost of lessons for 2018/19 is £17.85 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 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 if your child is interested in starting an instrument in September and we will be in touch.

Yours sincerely



Rachael Toolan

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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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recorder	<input type="checkbox"/>
Violin (group lessons)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Piano	<input type="checkbox"/>
Violin (individual lessons)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would like advice	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: ..... Date .....

***Please return to the school office by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May***