



# Wordsworth Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer

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## Re. Instrument Lessons at Wordsworth Primary School

In September we will be changing how our instrumental lessons are organised. Instead of the school organising the lessons and collecting payments, all of the administration will move to Southampton IOW Music, who already provide our instrumental teachers.

The same range of instruments will be offered as follows:

**Year Two:** Violin

**Year Three:** Violin (beginners and to continue)  
Cello (beginners)

**Year Four:** Violin (to continue)  
Cello (beginners)  
Flute (beginners)  
Trumpet (beginners)

**Year Five:** Violin/viola (to continue)  
Clarinet (to continue)  
Flute (beginners)  
Trumpet (beginners and continuers)  
Guitar (beginners)

**Year Six:** Violin (to continue)  
Cello (to continue)  
Clarinet (to continue)  
Flute (beginners and continuers)  
Trumpet (continuers)  
Guitar (beginners and continuers)

## How much does it cost to learn an instrument in school?

The cost for a year's group tuition will be £210. This will be collected as a deposit and then the rest of the payments will be split across the school year. This charge is reviewed annually. The instruments are loaned out from Southampton IOW Music which cost £50 per year, or you can provide your own instrument. There may be occasional extra costs such as instrument reeds and strings and music tutor books (usually £5 - £10). The total price of a year's tuition will therefore be around £265.



### **My child receives the Pupil Premium. How much will I need to pay?**

If your child receives the Pupil Premium, the cost for a year's group tuition will be £30. This will be collected as a deposit and then the rest of the payments will be split across the school year. This charge is reviewed annually. The school will pay for the rest of the cost of learning. The instruments are loaned out from Southampton IOW Music which cost £50 per year or you can provide your own instrument. There may be occasional extra costs such as instrument reeds and strings and music tutor books (usually £5 - £10). The total cost including tuition and instrument loan will therefore be around £85.

### **How are the groups organised?**

At our school the children will be taught in groups of between 4 and 6. We cannot start a group off with less than 4 players.

### **When do lessons take place?**

Lessons are held during the school day once a week. They are sometimes over a break time or lunchtime and sometimes during lesson times. We try to avoid the children missing English and Maths but occasionally the lessons may be at these times. The timetable is set by Southampton IOW Music but they do try to tailor it to our requirements.

### **How many lessons will my child have over the year?**

The music service guarantee 33 lessons over the year which averages out at 11 per term. This allows for staff absence, Music Service Inset days etc.

### **What do I need to do for my child to be placed in an instrumental group?**

To help organise the lessons, we ask you to fill in an online form by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. Southampton IOW Music will contact you later in June, when you will be asked to sign a Parent Contact and pay a deposit. This will form an agreement to starting lessons in September. Please note that signing up for instrumental lessons is a commitment for the whole academic year. If your child drops out of lessons, payments will still be collected for the whole year, as the teachers' contracts last for this time.

Click here for the online form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/PgmWZQPtMA>

You can also type the address into your browser to access the online form.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A. Thompsett (Music Teacher)

