



STOCKPORT SCHOOL

Headteacher Mr I. R. Irwin BA (Hons), MSc, NPQH

Dear Parents/Carers,

Music Peripatetic Lessons

Music is an important part of life at Stockport School and we have a wide range of instrumental lessons taught by a dedicated team of peripatetic teachers. These teachers deliver lessons on a range of instruments which include:

Brass	Drums	Keyboard/Piano	Guitar/Bass
Vocals	Strings	Theory	Woodwind (Clarinet, Flute and Saxophone)

The instrumental lessons cover all levels from beginner to Grade 8.

Increasingly employers are attracted by the intellectual, practical and interpersonal skills students with music qualifications tend to foster. Employment opportunities for students with skills in music are very good and are an excellent way of supporting University applications. Students learning an instrument are seen to be capable of dedication due to the perseverance playing a musical instrument requires.

All lessons commence at the start of any term or half-term and are weekly during the day. Lessons are one to one and last for 20 minutes. The lesson times are rotated each week to minimise disruption to other lessons and are displayed in the Octagon on the noticeboard.

These lessons will allow pupils to start up a new instrument or continue with an existing instrument. Our peripatetic teachers deliver exciting lessons to promote a love for their chosen instrument as well as support formal graded examinations such as ABRSM. In order to have lessons, pupils need to bring their own instrument in. Should they not have their own instrument there are a number of ways in which pupils could hire them. All instruments can be stored in a secure instrument storage cupboard during the day.

There are also a wide range of music clubs on offer by the Music Department. These include the school orchestra, choir, string group, guitar club, clarinet group, flute group and boys only choir. All students are welcome to attend these enrichment sessions. The school is keen to showcase our students' musical talent and throughout the year, parents, students and staff are invited to both informal and formal concerts and performances.

In order to help with the allocation of instrumental lessons, please fill in and return the sheet over the page, indicating which instrument your child plays or would like to play.

Please also return the attached form with your payment (cheques should be made payable to 'Stockport School') to the main school office. You will then receive a receipt recording the cumulative amount paid over the full academic year. E.g. total to date £50 of £300. If you choose to pay half-termly the 6 payment days would typically be 1st day in school in:

- September at the start of the academic school year
- October following the half-term break
- January following the Christmas break
- February following February half-term
- April following Easter break
- June following the Whit holidays

Please send a cheque or cash into school with your child on this date. Once your son/daughter has started lessons, future payments can be made via the Wisepay online payment system. Please help to reduce our postage costs and administrative time by automatically sending payments to school at the correct times. School does not issue invoices unless fees become overdue.

NB: Lessons can only be stopped at the end of a TERM or HALF-TERM with a written cancellation letter to Mrs R Didcote (Director of Music) at Stockport School or e-mail to r.didcote@stockport.stockport.sch.uk otherwise, lessons will automatically continue and fees accumulated.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Didcote
Director of Music



Peripatetic Music Lessons Form

Student Name: _____ Form Group: _____ (if known)

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Would like to start lessons at Stockport School</u> (✓)	<u>Previously played</u> (✓)	<u>Number of years played</u>	<u>Grade</u> (if applicable)
Brass To include: Cornet, Horn, Euphonium, Trombone & Trumpet				
Drums/Percussion				
Guitar To include: Acoustic, Bass or Electric				
Music Theory				
Piano/Keyboard				
Singing/Vocal Training				
Strings To include: Violin & Viola				
Woodwind To include: Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone				

Loan Instrument required? Yes / No *

Please tick the relevant box:

- I enclose a cheque / cash for **£300.00** for the **YEAR** of lessons.
- I enclose a cheque / cash for **£100.00** for the next **TERM** of lessons.
- I enclose a cheque / cash for **£50.00** for the next **HALF-TERM** of lessons.

**Cheques should be made payable to 'Stockport School' and with your child's name written on the back.*

or My Child is in receipt of Free School Meals Entitlement

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____

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R.V.Didcote

Mrs R. Didcote (Director of Music)

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