



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AT WOOD GREEN SCHOOL

Dear Parents / Carers.

I do hope that this letter finds you well.

As I am sure that you are aware your child has expressed an interest in learning an instrument whilst at Wood Green. We are very fortunate to work in partnership with Oxfordshire County Music Service (OCMS) who provide us with very experienced instrumental teachers who visit us every week. We can offer lessons in Saxophone, Violin, Flute, Clarinet, Cello, Double Bass, Trombone, Trumpet, French Horn, Tuba, Drums, Electric and Acoustic Guitar, Singing and Piano. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid 19 situation we have not been able to do as many trial lessons or demonstration assemblies as we had hoped but we do not want this to stop your child having the opportunity to pursue their interests.

Once you have signed up and entered into an agreement with OCMS your child will be allocated their teacher and they will be in direct contact with you to explain your child's lesson times. These are done on a rolling timetable so that your child doesn't miss the same school lesson each week. Provision can be made for set lessons should you prefer that for your child. OCMS have gone to great lengths to provide us with a comprehensive risk assessment in these times. This includes keeping a 2-metre distance from the pupils, the use of hand sanitiser, cleaning music stands and equipment between each lesson and following all the Wood Green School guidance and Covid procedures that we have put in place.

For your child to have lessons they do not need to have their own instrument before they start. The Music service do have instruments that they are willing for pupils to use and there is a loan scheme available should you wish to make use of it.

I hope that you are in full support of this opportunity and would like to encourage you to visit the [Oxfordshire County Music web site](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music.service) and follow the link to learning an instrument (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music.service). Please follow the signing up process and this will allow the lessons to start very quickly. Should you have any financial concerns please do not hesitate to contact the finance office at school as we may be able to support your child's lessons.

In this uncertain time children's mental health is certainly a concern and something that we take very seriously at Wood Green. It has been proven that learning an instrument and taking part in musical activities is very beneficial in this area. I do hope that you will be willing to support your child's lessons. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Best Wishes,

Clare Laughlin
Director of Music