



May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Music Lessons at School: Apply now for Academic Year 2024-25

Learning to play a musical instrument, and developing musical skills, is one of the most exciting things a young person can do. Music is socially and culturally fundamental to human existence, providing connection with others, and opportunities for self-regulation, building self-esteem and expressing individuality. In addition, learning and developing music skills can help to develop perception and awareness, creativity, personal and social skills and general attainment and intellectual development.

Music lessons at our school are delivered by our chosen partner, Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT) - one of the leading Music Education Hubs in the country, with exceptional enrichment and progression opportunities.

NMPAT teachers provide tuition for a wide range of instruments, generally available to pupils in Key Stage 2, though recorders and violins may be suitable for some Year 2 pupils. The choice of instruments on offer at our school can be seen in the online registration form: <https://presto.nmpat.co.uk/musicinschool>.

To help you and your child decide which instrument they may be interested in learning, please see the "Learn with us" video clips at: [NMPAT Instrumental Lessons](#)

NMPAT provide instrumental lessons for 33 weeks per academic year, over three 11-week teaching periods and, subject to student absences / school activity conflicts, will guarantee a minimum of 30 lessons throughout an academic year. The cost of lessons includes the loan of orchestral instruments free of charge. (This does not include guitars, keyboards or drum kits).

Option 1

NMPAT's standard tuition is provided as 15-minute lessons per child. This means that a productive amount of time can be spent with your child on a 1:1 basis or that two students of similar standard can combine for a 30-minute lesson.

The cost of these music lessons in 2024/25 is £140 per 11-week term.

Option 2

A Recorder Group will be run at our school again in 2024-25, if there is sufficient interest. These lessons will be at a cost of £47.00 per child / per 11 sessions of 30 minutes each for a group of 5-7 pupils, or 15 minutes for groups of 2-4.

Tuition fees are paid termly, in advance, direct to NMPAT. Please do not try to make payment to the school.

If, after your child starts their lessons, you wish to discontinue those lessons, you should give a minimum of five teaching weeks' notice, in writing, to NMPAT. Full information relating to the teaching scheme provided by NMPAT can be seen in their [Terms & Conditions](#) Children on Pupil Premium can apply for bursary funding towards the cost of music tuition. Application should be made direct to the school and, if granted, we will inform NMPAT, who will invoice the school in respect of this contribution. You will then receive information from NMPAT about any payment remaining. Please ensure bursary applications are submitted as early as possible.

Where students are not eligible to apply for Pupil Premium, NMPAT may be able to provide some financial support. Full details can be found at www.nmpat.co.uk/support

For further details about NMPAT and the services they can provide, please see their website: www.NMPAT.co.uk where you will also find the NMPAT [Privacy Policy](#). Any queries can be directed to office@NMPAT.co.uk

What to do next:

Please register your interest in music lessons for your child by Monday 24th June 2024 by logging in to <https://presto.nmpat.co.uk/musicinschool>. You will be asked to provide NMPAT with some basic details and indicate which instrument, from the choice available at our school, that your child is interested in learning. If you do not have access to the internet, please complete and return the 'Expression of Interest' form which follows. This form should be returned to NMPAT and not the school.

Submitting the form does not commit you to paying for lessons for your child at this stage - NMPAT will register your interest and contact you to advise availability. NMPAT are no longer able to subsidise visits to schools of less than an hour, and if there is insufficient interest in an instrument group for a viable visit to take place (minimum of four students), NMPAT will suggest alternative options to ensure your child is still able to access lessons.

Please note that if your child is already learning an instrument with NMPAT at Helmdon Primary School, you will be contacted directly by NMPAT, so you do not need to do anything.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Zdyrko
Headteacher

Expression of Interest - Music tuition 2024-25

(only to be completed if you are unable to use the internet link at

<https://presto.nmpat.co.uk/musicinschool>)

School name:		Pupil name:	
Year group: (from September 2024)		Date of birth:	
Gender:		Instrument pupil would like to learn:	
I wish to apply for a Pupil Premium bursary: Please ask your school for an application form if you have marked "yes"			YES / NO
Email address: for communication from NMPAT			
Home tel. number:		Mobile tel. number:	
Home address:			
I have read and accept the Terms & Conditions: (please tick)		I have read and accept the NMPAT's Privacy Policy: (please tick)	
Signed: Parent / carer		Date:	
Parent / carer name:		Relationship to pupil:	

Return completed from by Monday 24th June 2024 to NMPAT:

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

125 Kettering Road

Northampton

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Email: lessonsdirect@nmpat.co.uk Tel: 01604 637117

Data Protection Agreement

- On the application form, we have asked for some personal information (such as name, address, postcode) in order to fulfil your request for information or services.
- This information will be held securely and will be used to provide you with the service you have requested.

- Any processing will be performed in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation.
- NMPAT is registered as a Data Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office under the reference number Z3016160. NMPAT's Privacy Policy, which includes the use of photographs and publicity, is available to view at: [NMPAT Privacy Policy](#)