

Two Mile Ash School

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*'Nurturing the best
in each other'*

Peripatetic Music Lessons 2021-2022

At Two Mile Ash, we encourage children to take up many different opportunities within the arts, and we know the value of learning a musical instrument. Therefore, we would like to offer your child the opportunity to take up peripatetic music lessons through the Milton Keynes Music Co-Op.

Lessons will be delivered weekly to small groups by specialist peripatetic teachers, and there are three instrument options available: brass (usually trumpet), woodwind (clarinet or flute) and strings (violin). Please indicate your preference on the form below. For brass, the teacher will determine the best instrument for your child, and this is usually the trumpet. Please be aware that the lessons can take place at any time during the school day, so your child will miss a small part of their timetabled curriculum or playtime. This is offset by the incredible benefits of learning a musical instrument, and should have no impact your child's overall learning experience at Two Mile Ash.

Cost of lessons:

Peripatetic music lessons take place across **34 teaching** weeks, this year the prices are £58.24 for autumn, £58.24 for spring, and £48.53 for summer. This is considerably less than private music lessons by similarly-qualified teachers. Autumn term's fees are payable **before your child can begin lessons**. Spring and summer term fees will be due in **October and February respectively**. This is so that the school can give appropriate notice to teachers and fill spaces should your child no longer require lessons. If you do not wish your child to continue music lessons in the next term, you must give half a term's notice to the Finance Office in writing. There is no refund should children decide not to continue with lessons, and if you do not give notice you will be liable to pay the following term's fees. Your child will not be able to begin their lessons for the term until fees have been paid in full.

Instruments and books:

Instruments must be purchased or hired from the Music Hub: they cannot be provided by the school. Details about obtaining an instrument are included with this letter, and rough prices are available on the MK Music Hub's website, but please do not hire anything until after your child has met their teacher and been advised on size and type of instrument. Your child's peripatetic teacher will also speak to them about purchasing the necessary materials. Please **DO NOT** purchase anything before this.

As the music lessons will be given by specialist teachers from the Milton Keynes Music Co-op, we require a certain level of commitment from all children who take up a place. You and your child will be asked to complete and sign our Peripatetic Music Agreement before taking part in lessons to ensure that the right level of commitment is given. Learning an instrument is extremely rewarding, but does require practise at home and long-term commitment to attending weekly lessons. We expect pupils to continue instrument lessons for at least one year, and hope that they will keep learning throughout their time at Two Mile Ash and beyond.

Application Form:

If you wish your child to begin peripatetic musical instrument lessons, please complete and return the attached application form to school **as soon as possible** and make the first term's payment on ParentPay. **Please note that by returning this form you are committing to paying for lessons.** For more information about peripatetic music lessons, please contact the school on Music@tma.bucks.sch.uk

Many thanks,

Emily Marshall

Head of Music & Performing Arts



Please return to the Two Mile Ash School reception or by email to music@tma.bucks.sch.uk

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Application for Instrument Lessons

Name of child: _____

Current class: _____

Parent/Carer telephone number/s: _____

I would like my child to be considered for the following music lessons (please number in order of preference):

Brass

Trumpet or cornet (depending on suitability, determined by teacher)

Woodwind

Flute

Clarinet

Strings

Violin

I understand that by completing and returning this form I am committing to paying the Autumn Term fee of £58.24 before lessons can begin

I understand that my child and I will agree to adhere to the Peripatetic Music Agreement.

I understand that learning a musical instrument is intended to be a long-term commitment, and therefore I must give at least half a term's notice for my child to stop receiving lessons.

Signed (Parent/Carer) _____

Print name _____