

Two Mile Ash School

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*'Nurturing the best
in each other'*

Peripatetic Music Lessons 2023-2024

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 are 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 attached form. 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 will 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 £75.99 for 13 lessons over the autumn term, £58.45 for 10 lessons in spring, and £64.30 for 11 lessons in summer. Autumn term's fees are payable **before your child can begin lessons**. Spring and summer term fees are due in **October and February respectively**. This is because the school pays for your child's lessons in advance, and we are required to give appropriate notice to teachers 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 at least **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 in time you will still be liable to pay the following term's fees. Your child can only begin their lessons for the term when fees have been paid in full, and the school cannot accept responsibility for lessons lost due to late payment of fees.

Instruments and books:

Instruments must be purchased, or hired from the Music Hub: Details about hiring an instrument can be found at miltonkeynesmusichub.co.uk/instrument-hire/, please do not hire an instrument until your child's place is confirmed.

We require a certain level of commitment from all children who take up a place, and so you and your child will need to sign the TMA Music Agreement. Learning an instrument is extremely rewarding, and requires both practise at home and long-term commitment to attending weekly lessons. We expect pupils to continue instrument lessons for as long as they can, and hope that they will keep learning throughout their time at Two Mile Ash and beyond.

TMA Orchestra

As part of learning an instrument here at TMA, we expect all our instrumentalists to attend orchestra rehearsals. Orchestra is held once a week during Friday lunchtimes, and enables the children to play all together regardless of experience or ability.

Application Form:

If you wish your child to begin peripatetic instrument lessons at Two Mile Ash, please complete and return the attached application form to school **as soon as possible**. **Please note that by returning this form you are committing to paying for lessons should your child be given a place.** For more information about peripatetic music lessons, please contact me on Music@tma.bucks.sch.uk.

Many thanks,

Emily Marshall

Head of Music & Performing Arts



Please return to the Two Mile Ash School Reception by hand,
or by email to Mrs Marshall on music@tma.bucks.sch.uk

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Application for Instrument Lessons

Name of child: _____

Current class: _____

Parent/Carer telephone number/s: _____

Parent/Carer primary email address: _____

I would like my child to be considered for the following instrument lessons (please tick one):

Brass

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

Woodwind

Flute

Clarinet

Strings

Violin

Child's current level/experience of chosen instrument, if any (this enables us to select the appropriate group for your child):

I understand that by completing and returning this form I am committing to paying the Autumn Term fee of £75.99.

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.

I understand that my child will be a part of the TMA Orchestra.

Signed (Parent/Carer) _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

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Peripatetic Music Agreement

2023-2024

Please complete this Music Agreement and give to Mrs Marshall directly, or the member of staff on Reception. It will be scanned and returned to you via email for your records.

Section 1

Parents/carers to complete

Name of child _____

Instrument _____

Section 2

To be completed by your child with your help

Learning a musical instrument is very exciting but can be quite challenging at times. There is a lot to learn and it is really important that you remember to practise. You also need to remember to bring your instrument and music to school on the right day. If you have any difficulties learning your instrument then you can speak to your music teacher, your parents or Mrs Marshall. Please read the following expectations very carefully, and sign at the bottom so that you can start your music lessons. Good luck!

I agree to...

- remember to bring my instrument and music to school on the correct day
- remember to go to my music lesson at the right time (your teacher will have a timetable of music lessons)
- attend TMA Orchestra every week
- take my instrument home on the day that I have a lesson so that I can practise at home.
- practise for about ten minutes each day
- consider taking part in musical groups organised by the Milton Keynes Music Service if my music teacher recommends them as playing in an ensemble is a really important part of learning a musical instrument

Signed _____ (Child)

Section 3

Parent/Carer to sign this agreement and return it to Mrs Marshall as soon as possible.

I agree to support my child in their learning.

I agree to payment of fees one term in advance, and I understand that if my child stops having music lessons during a term, payment cannot be refunded. I understand that I must give at least half a term's notice in writing to cancel lessons, or I will still be charged for the following term. I understand that most of my child's music lessons will take place during class lesson times.

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer)

Date _____