

Moordown St John's CE Primary School Drum Tuition



How are the drum lessons organised?

We offer individual and, numbers permitting, group tuition (maximum of 2 pupils per group). It is planned for pupils to receive 30 instrumental lessons a year; *there are usually more lessons timetabled for the Autumn and Spring terms than for the Summer due to SATS and school activities/trips which take place in the Summer.*

Individual lessons, and those for groups of 2 pupils, will be 20 minutes in duration. Pupils wishing to have longer individual lessons may opt to receive 30 minutes' tuition.

Lessons are timetabled during the school day therefore pupils may miss part of a core curriculum lesson and/or break time / lunch time in order to attend drum tuition.

How much do drum lessons cost and when is payment due?

The charge for drum lessons for the 2020/2021 academic year is as follows:

Group: £60.00 per term Individual (20 mins): £110.00 per term Individual (30 mins): £160.00 per term

No charges will be made in respect of group tuition for a pupil who is looked after by a local authority (within the meaning of section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

Tuition fees are payable termly in advance via WisePay by the following dates:



- * Autumn Term 2020: payment is due by **WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2020 CLOSING DATE**
- * Spring Term 2021: payment is due by Friday 16 October 2020 (ie 1 week prior to half term break)
- * Summer Term 2021: payment is due by Friday 5 February 2021 (ie 1 week prior to half term break)

Refunds for missed lessons will only happen in the case of the school being closed for an unforeseen emergency or if the instrumental teacher is not in attendance and the missed lesson is unable to be rescheduled. Refunds/extra tuition are not offered for lessons missed due to pupil illness, holiday, appointments etc.

Covid-19

The School has a detailed risk assessment for Covid-19 and will ensure all Government directives for instrumental tuition are adhered to including observing any requirements for social distancing and reminding pupils of the need for good hygiene; hand gel is available and regular washing of hands will take place. Instruments will be sanitised between use. If the school or drum teacher has to cancel any planned tuition due to subsequent Covid-19 issues, every attempt will be made to reschedule the missed lessons when safe to do so. If this is not possible, refunds will be issued.

Are there any other costs?

It will be necessary for you to meet the cost of purchasing/hiring a suitable drum kit (rubber drumming pads are acceptable for beginners). Additional costs include payments for music/books/entry fees for music exams.

How do I register for the 2020/2021 drum tuition programme?

If you wish your child to receive drum tuition from September 2020, please complete the attached Application Form/Contract and return it to the School Office. The relevant payment should be made via WisePay, please.

The closing date for receipt of application forms and payments is Wednesday 9 September 2020.

Applications received after this date, or where the teacher is oversubscribed, will be put on a 'waiting list' with places being allocated in the event of a vacancy in the programme.

What happens next?

Please note lessons are offered subject to sufficient pupil numbers and teacher availability: if it is not possible to offer drum tuition to your child we will contact you. An email advising the dates of the drum lessons will be issued during September.

Withdrawal from the tuition programme

Should you wish to withdraw your child from the drum tuition scheme, written notice is required before the next payment date (ie minimum of half a term's notice). If such notice is not given you will be liable for the following term's payment. This is because the instrumental teacher is booked half a term in advance.

How do I know what my child should practise?

Please provide an A4 notebook in which Mr Mellish can keep you informed about your child's progress and advise on the music that he/she should practise. This book will also act as a useful home-school link for you to record messages for Mr Mellish and for him to communicate with you.

Any questions? If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.



DRUM TUITION PROGRAMME, 2020/2021 APPLICATION FORM & TUITION CONTRACT

Please return form to school & make payment by **Wednesday 9 Sept 2020**

Pupil Name

Current Class

INDIVIDUAL 20 min* / **INDIVIDUAL 30 min*** / **GROUP* tuition**

* Please delete as appropriate ~ group tuition is offered subject to sufficient numbers



My child has previously received drum tuition YES/NO

If 'YES': Was this tuition at Moordown St John's? YES/NO

If 'NO', please indicate the standard reached

Please detail any other instruments played and the standard reached

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Is your child looked after by a local authority? (As per Section 22(I) of the Children Act 1989) YES/NO

In registering for this programme we require your undertaking that:

1. You purchase/hire a suitable drum kit (and music as required).
2. Your child practises their drumming for an agreed time each day. Mr Mellish will detail the pieces to practice in a notebook provided by you (preferably A4).
3. The termly payment (£60 for group/£110 for 20 mins ind/£160 for 30 mins ind) is made via WisePay as follows:



- * Autumn Term due upon application to programme or by Sunday 30 August 2020 (whichever is later)
- * Spring Term due upon application to the programme or by Friday 16 October 2020 (whichever is later)
- * Summer Term due upon application to programme or by Friday 5 February 2021 (whichever is later)

Reminders that the termly payment is due will be printed in the newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: FAILURE TO PAY BY THE REQUIRED DATE MAY RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT.

Should you wish to terminate this contract, the school will require written notification from you before the next payment date (ie minimum of half a term) otherwise you will be liable for the following term's payment.

I wish to register my child for the 2020/2021 drum tuition programme.	YES / NO
I agree to meet the conditions laid out above.	YES / NO
I understand that my child may miss part of a core curriculum lesson, break time and/or lunch time in order to attend drum tuition.	YES / NO
I give consent for my contact details to be shared with the drum teacher	YES / NO

Signed Parent/Carer

Date

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Nicky in the School Office.