

Music tuition application

Pupil name

Instrument(s)

Please tick here if you wish to hire an instrument at a cost of £45 per year

Contact Details

Parent name

Email

Telephone

Declaration

Having discussed with my child the commitment associated with music lessons, I would like to register his/her interest in learning the instrument(s) indicated above.

I have read and accept the details of the Absence and Refund policy and understand that half a term's notice is required to cancel lessons.

Signed

Date

Once completed, please return to a member of music department staff.



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at Ripley St Thomas

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Please contact us via Parentline if you have any questions. Alternatively, you can send an email to admin@ripley.lancs.sch.uk

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We believe that every child should have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, therefore pupils at Ripley are able to access **individual instrumental or vocal tuition** from our team of **specialist musicians**. Lessons currently cost £140 per discipline, per term, for ten twenty-five minute lessons.

Why should my child take music lessons?

Aside from the fact that research has shown that playing a musical instrument **stimulates your brain and can increase your memory**, learning an instrument can also help to develop the following transferrable skills:

- **Organisation** and **self-discipline**
- **Team work**
- **Perseverance** and **concentration**
- **Hand-eye coordination**
- **Breath control** and **stamina**
- **Literacy** and **numeracy**
- **Cultural literacy**
- **Confidence**

Above all, learning an instrument is **highly enjoyable** and something from which your child will benefit for the rest of their life.

Will we need to buy an instrument?

We would always advise pupils to ideally get their own instrument, but understand that this can be a difficult decision when starting out. As such, we have a small stock of instruments in school which can be hired for £45 per year. Please indicate on the application form if you wish to hire an instrument.

Please note, we do not hire out the following instruments: piano, organ, keyboard, drum kit, or bass guitar.

Absence & refund policy

Timetable and Involve

We use an app called **Involve** for timetabling, attendance and recording progress for music lessons. Once a pupil has been added to the timetable, an email invitation is sent to the parent to create an account. From the parent account an access code is generated which the pupil can use to set up their account.

From the app both parent and pupil are able to see lesson times and monitor attendance and progress.

During the school day, pupils are able to check their lesson time on the TV located near the Music Office. We endeavour to give each pupil a rotating time slot to ensure that there is minimum regular disruption to other subjects. We guarantee to give an average of **ten lessons each term** to all pupils, adding up to **30 lessons over the course of the year.**

Absence

If a pupil is going to be **absent** as a result of a school activity, excursion or examination, he/she should notify the instrumental tutor **at least a week in advance**. If the lesson cannot be made up at another time then these sessions will be refunded. Genuine problems will be dealt with as generously as possible, but **absences due to forgetfulness or lack of organisation will not be considered**. If a pupil misses a lesson **without prior notification**, these **lessons will not be refunded** and it may not be possible for pupils to receive the full contracted number of sessions.

Practice

Information and resources will be provided via Involve and it is expected that pupils will engage in a minimum of **20 minutes per day of focused and specific practice** in order to make adequate progress.

Stopping lessons

If your child does experience difficulty in progressing on his/her instrument and you wish to terminate tuition, we ask that you give **at least half a term's notice in writing**, by sending a Parentline message to Miss Winstanley. Please note, if less than half a term's notice is given, any remaining lessons will be charged for, regardless of attendance.

Ensembles

It is expected that pupils who have lessons in school will take part in at least one ensemble. The ensembles will be rehearsing for public performances and a good standard of performance will be expected. Pupils who take part in ensembles make much faster progress with their skills in sight-reading and aural awareness.

Tuition options

Lessons are available in the following disciplines* at Ripley during the school day:

Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

Guitar: Classical Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar

Woodwind: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone

Keyboard: Piano, Organ

Brass: Trumpet/Cornet, French/Tenor Horn, Trombone, Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba

Singing

Drum Kit

*It is not uncommon for pupils to study more than one instrument, although please do bear in mind that the current fee is £140 per discipline, per term, for ten twenty-five minute lessons.

Payment

Current Ripley pupils

Lessons are invoiced termly and can be paid through your ParentPay account. We aim to send out invoices within the first few weeks of each term with the deadline for payments clearly stated.

Pupil Premium

We are able to cover the cost of tuition for pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. Please do let us know if this is applicable.

What next?

Complete the attached application form and return it to a member of music department staff. Alternatively, send a Parentline message to Miss Winstanley.