

Instrumental / Vocal Lessons Enrolment for September 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Rhondda Cynon Taf Music Service is the largest provider of instrumental and vocal tuition in the local area and we are delighted to be able to offer our services at your child's school. If your child wishes to take up or continue learning an instrument, this letter contains all the details you require.

What instrument can my child learn?

Our music service is able to provide lessons on all of these instruments:

Brass (cornet, trumpet, trombone, tuba, French horn, tenor horn, euphonium, baritone)	Woodwind (flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon)	Strings (violin, viola, cello, double bass)	Harp (lever harp, pedal harp)
Piano Keyboard	Singing	Guitar	Percussion
<i>Please be aware that availability can vary from school to school. This may be because your child's school only want us to offer certain instruments or there are not enough pupils wanting to learn. Contact us to find out more.</i>			

How much do lesson cost?

We are proud to be able to offer a range of affordable options, full details can be found on the back of this letter. Lessons are charged for on a termly basis. Some people pay in full but you are also welcome to pay in instalments. To help keep track of things, you will receive a weekly email detailing any outstanding balance and how to pay it.

What if my child needs an instrument?

You have two options – Buy your own or hire one from us. Hiring is a good way to try out an instrument before investing in your own. Then, when you are ready, we can guide you through purchasing your own instrument.

How do I enrol my child for lessons?

Please visit www.rctcbc.gov.uk/musicenrolment to enrol. The closing date is 19 July 2024.

If your child is already receiving tuition from us, there is no need to re-enrol.

We look forward to working with your son/daughter; should you have any questions or queries, do get in touch.

Kind regards

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Lesson Options

RCT Music Service delivers lessons for 37 weeks of the school year and split the cost into 3 termly payments. The options we offer are based on years of experience delivering instrumental and vocal lessons in schools and are designed to meet the needs of all learners and promote good progress.

	How lesson will be delivered	Weekly cost per pupil
Option 1	Individual lesson (25 – 30 minutes long)	£16.10
Option 2	Shared lesson, 2 pupils (25 – 30 minutes long) <i>or</i> Individual lesson (13 – 15 minutes long)	£8.05
Option 3	Shared lesson, 3 pupils (25 – 30 minutes long) <i>or</i> Shared lesson, 2 pupils (17 – 20 minutes long) <i>or</i> Individual lesson (8 – 10 minutes long)	£5.35

Option 3 is not available to pupils in years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13

For practical reasons we do not recommend option 3 for large instruments such as harp, piano and double bass

Details

Whilst you choose the option, the tutor will decide the most appropriate way to deliver your child's lesson. They will take into account (amongst other things), standard of the learners, instruments available and size of the teaching space. Examples:

- 3 beginner violins on option 3 are likely to be taught in a group for 30 minutes
- 2 harpists (of different standard) on option 2 are likely to receive 2 individual lessons of 15 minutes each
- Pupils on option 1 will always receive an individual lesson

The variation of lesson length is because, whilst most schools have lessons that are 1 hour in length, some schools have slightly shorter lessons and we have to fit into each different school's timetable.

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