



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to draw your attention to the availability of instrumental music lessons at Fearnhill. If a student already has peripatetic lessons at primary school, they can continue these (please note on the form below who their current teacher is) or if they would like to begin to learn an instrument, now is a great time to start. These take place during normal teaching hours, therefore students will miss portions of regular curriculum lessons or break time in order to attend instrumental lessons. Lesson times will be varied and timetabled on a rotational basis to ensure your child does not miss the same lessons each week. **Due to the current COVID-19 situation, lessons can either take place online or be placed on hold until such a time that lessons can resume in school.**

Currently, the following instruments can be taught at Fearnhill:

Piano	Electric keyboard	Violin	French horn
Clarinet	Saxophone	Trumpet	Tenor horn
Flute	Trombone	Electric Guitar	Classical guitar
Voice	Bass guitar	Drum kit	

There is a small selection of school instruments available for loan to students, if you would like more details, please contact the Music department.

There is a termly charge for 11 lessons and music fee invoices are sent out at the start of each term. Current charges are as follows:

15 minute individual lesson	£115.50	per term
20 minute individual lesson	£154	per term
30 minute individual lesson	£231	per term

If you are in receipt of income support or family tax credits then you may be eligible for help with music fees. Financial support is given by the remission of fees and is available at two levels: Level 1 for Free School Meal students and Level 2 for other qualifying benefits. Please check your eligibility and apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals (scroll down to Year 3 and above eligibility) or call Hertfordshire County Council's Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4048. Remission will need to be applied for and lessons approved by the Music Service before tuition can begin. Remission of fees, if agreed, needs to be reapplied for in June/July each year for the next academic year. **It is important to note that attendance and progression is monitored for all students in receipt of financial assistance and the benefit will be withdrawn if there is unexplained poor attendance or commitment.** If the benefit is withdrawn you may be charged for these lessons. For full details of the financial support scheme go to www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/remission. For any further assistance please contact the school Finance Office on 01462 621200.

If at any point your child wishes to discontinue lessons, then notice must be given in writing, half a term in advance, otherwise a half term's fees will be still be payable in lieu of notice.

If your child cannot participate in their instrumental teaching period and is absent for any reason, **lessons will still have to be paid for as the County Music Service work on a half term's notice only.** The school, with much regret, cannot cover the cost of these circumstances.

If you would like your child to have instrumental/singing lessons, please complete and return the attached form and return it to the Finance Office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Rainbow
Business Manager

To: Finance Office, Fearnhill School

Instrumental Music Lessons

I would like my son/daughter	
To have lessons on the	

I understand the fees involved and I would like the lessons to be:

30 mins individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	20 mins individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	15 mins individual	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please tick option

At a cost of	£	For 11 lessons per term
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Please tick if you receive income support/family tax credits and have applied for remission of fees	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I understand that, should I wish to change the length of a lesson or stop lessons altogether, I need to give half a term's notice in writing. I also understand that fees are still payable for any lessons missed i.e. due to illness, school trips, exams, etc. unless half a term's written notice is given prior to the period of non-attendance. Written notification must be received by the Finance Office at the school.

Signed: Date:

Parent/Carer of		Form/ Form Tutor (if known)	
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Have they had any experience of playing instruments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do they own an instrument?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Can you please provide an email address for music lesson communications i.e. notify you of changes to lesson dates/times

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