

Group, paired or individual lessons?

Evidence from OFSTED and advice from Hertfordshire Music Service has suggested that the achievement and attainment of pupils having shared and group tuition is as good as, if not better than, individual lessons.



What about instruments?

The school has a small number of violins that can be borrowed. Some specialist instruments such as mini bassoons can be borrowed from the Music Service. Other instruments can be purchased or hired locally. Pupils having lessons in Hertfordshire schools can take advantage of the Low Cost Instrument Purchase Scheme (LoCIPS). Full details regarding buying or hiring instruments will be provided with confirmation of lessons.

Who are the teachers?

Our visiting teachers are all employed by Hertfordshire Music Service, the largest and most successful Music Service in the country and the winner of National Awards. They are all suitably qualified, attend regular In-Service Training sessions and undergo continuous Performance Management. They will provide a written progress report in the Summer Term and are happy to talk to you in person should you wish to do so.

What musical opportunities are offered?

The School Orchestra performs in school, and there are opportunities to play in string, wind and brass groups. Pupils also play in the Primary Schools' Orchestra at the annual Music Festival in the Alban Arena and receive invitations to full-day Workshop sessions at St Albans Music School, where they can also attend regular Bands, Orchestras and Ensembles.



Instrumental Tuition September 2009

Over the past years, Fleetville Junior School has developed a wide range of peripatetic instrumental tuition. As a Junior School highly respected for music in Hertfordshire and judged to be outstanding by Ofsted, it is important to us that the value of this tradition is upheld and enjoyed by the maximum number of children possible.

There is much research indicating that children who learn to play an instrument also do better in other Curriculum areas. Music can be a lifelong interest, and fostering musical appreciation at a young age can provide a skill for adulthood.

Which is the most suitable instrument for my child?

During the next few weeks, children in Year 3 will watch instrumental demonstrations. You may then wish to discuss with your child the possibility of playing an instrument.

Which one did they enjoy the sound of, which could they physically manage and which would they be prepared to practise every day?

Currently tuition is offered in violin, cello, guitar, ukulele, flute, clarinet, saxophone, mini bassoon, oboe, brass, piano, keyboard and percussion but we are also willing to consider other instruments.

Who can learn?

All children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are given the opportunity to learn **one instrument in curriculum time**.

By limiting the lessons in this way, we are able to offer more children the chance to have instrumental tuition. Currently, 57% of Fleetville children receive instrumental tuition in school, well above the national average of 8%.

What will it cost?

Prices are based on a guaranteed **33** lessons per year, although the number of lessons *per term* will vary due to Bank Holidays and term lengths.

30 min group lesson

£66.00

30 min paired lesson

£95.70

20 min individual lesson

£130.90

30 min individual lesson

£193.60

Prices quoted are per term and will remain until September 2010.

Hertfordshire County Council offers a generous **Remission of Fees** scheme. You may be entitled to receive either full or 50% remission of fees. In addition, children receiving remission of fees are also entitled to borrow an instrument, free of charge, from the Music Service. If you feel you may be eligible, further information is available from the school office. You can also apply online at www.hertsdirect.org or telephone 01438 737370.

My child wants to learn two instruments!

It is understandable that some children will either want to continue with recorder and take up a second instrument or have the opportunity to learn two new instruments.

Whilst in the upper school we can only accommodate children leaving the classroom once during curriculum time, there is the possibility that some peripatetic teachers *may* be able to offer extra lessons during break times. Wherever possible, recorder lessons in Year 6 will be time tabled outside curriculum time.

