



**West Moors Middle School**

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12<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Music Lessons at West Moors Middle School

We will be offering a range of private instrumental lessons to our children at West Moors Middle School. Many of our students have already shown interest in learning an instrument in school, which is wonderful to see.

Learning an instrument is a proven aid to a child's development and research suggests that students who learn musical instruments generally do better in their academic education so this is a worthwhile thing to do. Learning an instrument is also good for the mind as it uses both sides of the brain at the same time and helps with focus and well-being, aiding overall roundedness of the individual.

External music teachers will deliver these private music lessons on site and lessons will be charged as follows:

- Individual lessons will be charged at £18.00 per half an hour
- Shared lessons (as a pair) will be charged at the rate of £10.00 charge to each student for a lesson of half an hour as a group lesson \*
- Group lessons can be taken (as a group of three) will be charged at the rate of £8.00 charge to each student for a lesson of half an hour as a group lesson.\*

\*Please note: Groups will be selected in accordance with numbers of students interested but should one child advance more quickly, this rate would need to be adjusted to an individual rate if there was not another student of the same level to partner. Should we not be able to form a pair or group of three, this would be discussed with parents/carers.

Instruments on offer will be:

- Brass: Cornet, Trumpet, Tenor Horn, Euphonium and Trombone. (Mr K Smith )
- Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone (Teacher to be found-this is dependent on student interest)
- String: Violin and Cello (Teacher to be found-this is dependent on student interest)
- Drumkit (Mr A Joy)
- Guitar (Mr A Joy)
- Voice/ Singing (To be confirmed- this is dependent on student interest)



Headteacher: **Dr D Craddock PhD MA BSc (Hons) NPQH**

Deputy Headteacher: **Mrs D East BSc (Hons) PGCE SENDCo**

The school has a small supply of instruments, which may be able to be loaned to students on a first come first served basis. After that, we can advise about where to hire or buy. Second hand instruments can usually be found at reasonable cost but please get advice before purchase.

If you would like your child to learn an instrument, please complete the form below and **return to the School Office by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022** so that we can start the process.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Watkiss

Music Teacher

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I would like my child to learn an instrument and would like to register my interest for this.

Name.....

Class.....

Instrument.....

Individual/Paired/Three (Please circle preferred option)

Contact telephone number.....

Best time to phone.....