



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

NAME OF PUPIL _____

MUSIC TEACHER _____

YEAR GROUP _____

INSTRUMENT TYPE _____

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child has expressed an interest in having tuition on a musical instrument at school. This comes at a discounted price of **£70 a term for an individual** lesson or **£40 a term for a group lesson**. This is considerably less than private teachers as well as other Nottinghamshire schools. Before your child can start tuition at school there are few rules and regulations that you need to be made aware of and this agreement must be signed by both parent/carer and pupil. Please read all sections carefully - if you have any questions then please contact your child's Instrumental Teacher or the Head of Music.

Musical Instruments

Your child will be loaned a musical instrument for the duration of their learning experience while at Quarrydale Academy. The instrument belongs to and will remain the property of Quarrydale Academy. You will not be charged for the hire of this musical instrument. You will be required to **complete and sign an Instrument Loan Form** which will be sent home once your child has started receiving lessons in school - musical instruments cannot be taken home until the Instrument Loan Form has been completed and it has been returned to the Instrumental Teacher. You are strongly advised to notify your own home and contents insurer that the musical instrument is in your possession. The instrument will at some point need replacement strings, reeds, valve oil or slide grease as necessary and **you are responsible for purchasing these items** - they cost a relatively small amount and the Instrumental Teacher will provide you with details of what to buy and where to go.

Lessons in School

Your child will be expected attend a music lesson on a weekly basis at school, during the school day. The school has visiting Instrumental Teachers who will work with your child, either in a group lesson or on an individual basis. These lessons are usually 20 minutes in length. The time of the lesson will rotate each week so that your child does not miss the same school lesson - a timetable will be on display in the Music Department and are usually produced on a half termly basis. If your child is working in a group then the other pupils in that group will often be of the same standard and will be playing the same instrument. Your child will be taught all aspects of musical instrument learning, such as reading and understanding sheet music, aural awareness and sight-reading skills.

Practising at Home

As part of Quarrydale Academy's musical learning experience **your child will be allowed and expected to take their instrument home so that they can do some practise** - regular practise is vital to ensure that continued development and enjoyment in the subject are sustained. The Instrumental Teachers at Quarrydale Academy recommend a **minimum of 10 minutes practise, which should be done at least 4 times per week**. Your child's Instrumental Teacher will identify work during the lesson that is to be completed at home. Your child will also be given a diary in which they are expected to record all of the playing and performing that they do. **Parents/Carers will be expected to sign and approve this work.**



Music Books & Resources

Once settled on an instrument, your child's Instrumental Teacher may well ask you to purchase a music book which will aid your child in their musical learning. The **books usually cost approximately £10.00** and will last your child a good few years. Most now come complete with at least one CD which has demonstration tracks and/or accompaniments included. Details about the music book will be given to you by your child's Instrumental Teacher along with the best place to purchase the book from. If you have difficulties in acquiring the book then please speak with either your child's Instrumental Teacher or the Head of Music. Other resources, such as photocopied worksheets and/or ensemble music may be given to your child to work on and practise - you will not be charged for these extra resources.

Ensembles & Bands

At some point during your child's musical learning, the Instrumental Teacher will suggest that they join one of the school ensembles or bands. This group experience will help your child to develop their musical skills much further. As part of the musical learning experience at Quarrydale Academy the **teachers expect all pupils, when ready, to attend at least one of the school ensembles, bands or activities**. All necessary music required for these ensembles will be provided by the Instrumental Teacher running the rehearsal(s).

Commitment to Musical Learning

Once your child is signed up to receive music tuition they will be expected to attend lessons on a regular basis and practise at home on a regular basis too. Regular playing and practise will help your child to progress at a consistent rate and will also help them to maintain their enthusiasm and enjoyment of the subject. The school also asks for the support of parents/carers to ensure that this regular playing and practise take places. **If more than 3 lessons are missed in a row a phone call home will be made by the Instrumental Teacher or the Head of Music regarding the continuation of lessons.**

Exams, Concerts & Performances

During the musical learning experience at Quarrydale Academy your child will be given the opportunity to take graded examinations on their musical instrument. This will involve your child performing specific musical items at an exam centre outside of school. All details about the examinations will be provided by your child's Instrument Teacher. A charge may be made to enter your child for a music examination.

At various points throughout the school year there will be performance opportunities for all musicians - this could include lunchtime recitals, performing in an assembly, playing in a school concert or participating in the Quarrydale Academy Carol Service each Christmas at the local church. All students will be **expected** to take part in the performance opportunities.

Insurance

Although the musical instrument that your child has been provided with is insured through school for use at school and any musical activity associated with school, it is strongly recommended that you also **notify your own home and contents insurer** that the musical instrument is in your possession. If anything were to happen to the musical instrument outside of school then **you are responsible for its care, replacement or repair**. This should not affect the premium you pay to your insurer. If doing this poses any problems then please speak with the Head of Music.

Termination of Music Tuition

If your child feels that they no longer wish to continue receiving free music tuition at Quarrydale Academy then **written notification of at least half a term** must be given to your child's Instrument Teacher and must explain all reasons for this decision. A copy of this letter may be put in your child's school records. The lessons will then stop at the end of the term (Christmas/Easter/Summer). **No refunds will be made if your child stops attending lessons prior to the end of term**. The instrument must be returned to the Instrumental Teacher at Quarrydale Academy and must still be in good working order.



Declaration

By signing this declaration you agree to all statements outlined in this document. Once signed this document needs handing to your child's Instrumental Teacher and then your child can start/continue with music tuition at Quarrydale Academy. Please return this document to school at your earliest convenience.

Pupil (signed): _____

Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

Parent/Carer (signed): _____

Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Email: _____

Contact Number: _____