



June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Application for Instrumental Lessons 2020/21 School Year

King's Norton Boys' School, in conjunction with Music Academy Midlands and Birmingham Services for Education, offers students the exciting opportunity to have music lessons during the school day.

Lessons are currently being delivered online via video call due to the need for social distancing, which is working well. We will continue to work with our providers to ensure that music lessons are delivered safely and effectively, and in line with government guidelines.

If you would like your son to have instrumental lessons in the school year 2020/21, there are different procedures depending on the instrument they want to learn.

1. For lessons with **Music Academy Midlands** (*drum kit, all types of guitar, bass, violin, vocals*) please visit www.musicacademymidlands.com/knbs, read through the information and follow the instructions. These lessons cost £56 per half term and are contracted and paid directly to M.A.M. Lessons still take place in school, and KNBS music department communicates regularly with the teachers.
2. For lessons with **Services for Education** (*clarinet, saxophone, flute, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, trombone, French horn, baritone, tuba, cello, piano, keyboard, steel pans*) please complete the form below and carefully read, then sign, the terms and conditions overleaf. Please return to reception marked **FAO Mr. C George (School Business Manager)** as soon as possible so that we can secure your child's place.

If your son is interested in learning an instrument not listed here please submit a form and we will check whether it can be taught by one of our providers.

Please note slight price increases compared to last year. In the past we have subsidised the cost of instrumental tuition however we are regretfully unable to continue to do this. If cost is an issue, and your son is in receipt of pupil premium funding, we may be able to utilise the funding for music lessons (this depends on a number of factors). If this is the case please enquire via email to e.davis@knbs.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

**Miss E Davis,
Head of Music**

Student's Name: **Form:** **Instrument:**
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No. years playing / grade: **Or Beginner**

Please tick preferred lesson option;

1. 20min shared lessons including instrument loan with S4E @ £49.50/half term
2. 20min Individual lessons including instrument loan with S4E @ £88/half term

Please sign below to confirm that you wish to sign up for lessons for the year 2020/21, and that you have read and agreed to the Parent / Carer and student contracts below.

Parent / Carer: Signed.....
Print Name..... Date:

Student: Signed.....
Print Name Date:

Parent / Carer Contract

I wish for my child to receive Music Lessons for the school year 2020/21 and agree to the following Terms and Conditions;

1. **I have read and fully understand the student contract set out below** and will support and guide my child in complying with these requirements.
2. Payment for lessons via Parent Pay being half-termly **in advance – by the end of the first week of each half-term at the latest**, at the rate below (*tick as appropriate*)
 - a. 20min shared lessons including instrument loan with S4E @ £49.50/half term
 - b. 20min Individual lessons including instrument loan with S4E @ £88/half term
3. Lessons with Services for Education will be provided in accordance with S4E's teaching weeks, and therefore may not be equally split between the school terms, 33 will be provided across the year.
4. We will try our best to allocate group / individual lessons as requested, however this is not guaranteed. If the preferred option is not available, the other option will be offered at the prices stated above or your child will be placed on a waiting list.
5. If, at any point, your child wishes to discontinue from their instrumental lessons, KNBS would require a complete half-term's notice (*which must be provided in writing to the School Business Manager, Mr. C George at c.george@knbs.co.uk*).

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Student Contract

I wish to receive music lessons for 2020/21 and in agreeing to receive lessons I confirm;

1. I will ensure that I check my lesson time on the day of my lesson in case of any changes to the timetable. *(Timetables are displayed on the notice board outside MU).*
2. I will attend my lessons regularly and promptly.
3. I will complete all practice work set for me by my instrumental teacher.
4. I will take personal responsibility to catch up on all classwork and homework missed while in my instrumental lesson.
5. I will understand that the same code of conduct and expectations apply to my instrumental lesson as do in my curriculum lessons.
6. I will take full responsibility to tell my instrumental teacher in advance if I need to swap my lesson time *(e.g. if you have assessments in curriculum lessons, an appointment outside of school etc.)*
7. I understand that if I am absent from school on the day of my instrumental lesson, or do not attend, this lesson may not be caught up by the instrumental teacher. *(e.g. school trips, illness, outside appointments etc.)*
8. I understand that if the instrumental teacher is absent for any lesson the lesson will be caught up if possible, or an appropriate refund given at the discretion of the provider and the finance department of KNBS.
9. If I am late to my lesson it will still finish at the scheduled time, and the time will not be caught up.