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Instrument lessons for Pupil Premium children (Enfield Music Service -EMS)

Dear Parents

The following is to inform you about possible funding you may wish to access for your child. The Government provides additional funding for children who are currently eligible for, or who have in the past been eligible for, free school meals, and for those in Local Authority Care. This funding is called the Pupil Premium and we receive this funding for your child. At Grange Park we use the pupil premium in a variety of ways to promote the learning of children who are eligible for it. This includes covering the full or part costs of musical tuition through the Enfield Music Service.

Learning a musical instrument can be not only an exciting new hobby but can help improve memory, discipline and perseverance when practising, and bring pleasure to others when performing. Enfield Music Service offers individual, paired and group lessons for children at the same level.

If you wish to enrol your child in lessons, Grange Park will pay **£60** towards the cost. This is the current cost of a group lesson. EMS used to run group and paired lessons but these are currently not happening (due to Covid 19 - no mixing bubbles). Instead, children receive a 15 minute lesson fortnightly if you select 'group lesson' until it is safe to mix bubbles again. If you wish your child to have a longer lesson, (20 or 30 mins) you will need to top up the difference, which would be £60 for a weekly 20 minute lesson (the school would pay the first £60, totalling £120 for 10 lessons).

The following length of lessons are offered:

- 10 x 30 minute individual lessons
- 10 x 20 minute individual lessons
- 5 x 30 minute individual lessons (delivered fortnightly - instead of weekly group lessons)
- 5 x 20 minute individual lessons (delivered fortnightly - instead of weekly paired lessons)

It is possible to learn any of the following instruments in school: piano, keyboard, drums, guitar, ukulele, recorder, tin whistle, flute, clarinet, saxophone or a brass instrument.

We currently have a flute that has been donated to the school which is free to borrow for lessons. If your child is in year 3 it is advisable to start on recorder before the flute. Most children in year 4 up have already learnt recorder, and it's an easy transition to the flute because it has the same fingering.

Violin lessons are currently only online - with a tutor using *Googlemeets* (like Zoom) and these lessons take place after school, arranged over email with the tutor to find a suitable time. EMS explains this further in their guidelines on the website.

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To enrol your child for lessons please email the school office stating the name of your child and which instrument they would like to learn and declaring that your child has free school meals. The office will complete a form, I will sign this for you and then email it to you so that you can upload this to the Enfield Music Service website.

Hiring an instrument can be arranged later for a small cost per term. The final date for enrolling for autumn term lessons is **Monday 22 March**.

Should you need to contact Enfield Music Service please email enfieldmusicservice@enfield.gov.uk or call 020 8807 8881. Their website for signing up for lessons is <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicservice> . Please sign in at the top or create a new account.

I do hope you will consider this amazing opportunity of funded instrument lessons. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in choosing an instrument right for your child.
Yours sincerely

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