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Care and responsibility of loaned instruments from Enfield Music Service - Year 4



Dear Parents

On Tuesday 19 September your children will begin two terms of weekly whole class lessons on clarinet. This is our second year of running woodwind lessons with Enfield Music Service - it went really well last year; I am really looking forward to seeing the children learning clarinet and especially offering the chance to take them home to practise.

The instruments are loaned free of charge from a funded music grant from Enfield Music Service (EMS) and they have been delivered to school, ready for the children to use. However they will only bring them home once the tutor is sure they know how to put them together and dismantle them again.

We ask that you respond to this letter to say you are happy to help your child care for this clarinet and that you understand if it is damaged, the cost of repair falls on you. If the clarinet is lost, or beyond repair you will also be asked to pay the cost of its replacement. You may wish to add the clarinet to your home insurance to protect yourselves from possible costs. I have been advised by EMS that the insurance value for the clarinets is £471. This value looks quite alarming but this is only if the instrument is lost or beyond repair. Each instrument comes with a hard case, and if cared for correctly, there should be no need for any costs at all. Last year all instruments were well cared for and returned undamaged.

Each clarinet also has a number on its case. When we receive confirmation from you I will make a note of this number. I will also give children a name sticker to place on the case. However I advise the children to attach something like a travel tag with the name clearly written on it. A colourful band/friendship bracelet/piece of wool could also be tied around the case so they can identify their own quickly. The cases are small enough to be kept in their lockers on Tuesdays.

Children will make the most progress on their clarinet with weekly practise so I do hope you will be happy for them to bring them home and to their lessons each Tuesday. Children who leave their clarinets at home will only be able to play a percussion instrument in the lesson as there are no spare instruments. It is therefore essential that they bring their clarinet EVERY TUESDAY.



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At home, please keep the instrument away from younger children and pets. Children will keep their clarinets until the end of spring term, when there will be a concert for parents.

Once children have music to practise I will give them a password for the music website *Charanga*. The children used this site last year for their recorder pieces. I will also put music on Google Classroom when appropriate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me via the school office:
office@grangeparkprimary.org

Kind regards

Debbie Hagen
Music Coordinator

Option:

Parentmail:

I agree to accept responsibility for my child's instrument. If the instrument is damaged, I agree to paying for it to be repaired. If the instrument is lost, or beyond repair I agree to pay the cost of its replacement.