



December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Peripatetic instrumental and vocal lessons 2025-26

I am writing to tell you about the provision of instrumental and vocal lessons offered for next term. These lessons take place during the school day and are timetabled every term. We currently offer lessons on the following instruments: voice, piano, keyboard, violin, flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, guitar (electric/acoustic), bass guitar and ukulele.

Tuition fees for next term:

- **£130** for 10 x individual 20-minute lessons.
- Shared music lessons are available from some of the music teachers – please ask them directly for more information regarding timings and cost.

In addition to this, if you are in receipt of Pupil Premium or state benefits, you may be able to apply for a grant to help cover the cost of lessons. This information can be found on the SoundStorm website:

[Access Fund / Remissions - SoundStorm Music Education Agency \(soundstorm-music.org.uk\)](https://soundstorm-music.org.uk)

Please be aware that Soundstorm receives a high number of applications per year and so you may be unsuccessful in your application. If you are unsuccessful in your application and are in receipt of pupil premium funding, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The contract and payment of the instrumental lessons is between the peripatetic music teacher and yourselves as parents. The teacher will provide you with a letter outlining their personal terms and conditions along with their contact details and chosen method of payment. Cut-off dates will be provided to ensure the teacher receives prompt payment for the service they are offering. This method of payment will help to alleviate any miscommunication that third party involvement provides and make the process more straightforward. Lessons for your child will commence once the teacher has received payment.

You must also contact the peri teacher if your child wishes to continue in January. It would be helpful if this could be done by the end of this Autumn Term.

Lessons will **be payable in advance, and a half terms notice must still be given directly to the instrumental teacher** in writing if you no longer wish to continue lessons. Peri teachers have been allocated time for their lessons; this means they can only teach a certain number of children each week. If there is no space, a waiting list will be created and your child's name and preference for individual or group lessons will be added.

If you are interested in your child taking up, or continuing lessons, then please contact the relevant teacher directly below. I will be continuing to monitor the situation, and I will be in contact with any further updates.

If you have any questions or queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Hannah
Music Teacher

Principal: Chris Jackson

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Avonwood Primary School peripatetic music lessons terms and conditions

These terms and conditions apply to all pupils and their parents who wish to have music lessons organised by the school using Peripatetic teachers.

Peripatetic lessons are available for the following instruments (subject to change)

Violin, clarinet, flute, saxophone, voice, electric/acoustic guitar, bass guitar, ukulele, piano and keyboard

1. Booking and payment terms

- 1.1 Lessons are 20 minutes in length and there will be 10 lessons this term. There will be an option for students to opt for fortnightly or group lessons (subject to instrument and teacher)
- 1.2 Payment for lessons is £130 for individual lessons (shared lessons may be available as mentioned above) with payment made by the cut-off date to the individual teacher in order for lessons to commence. **Please contact the teacher directly to make payment for lessons using the contact details below.**
- 1.3 If you wish your child to cease lessons, a half terms notice must be given to the individual teacher in writing.
- 1.4 If you are in receipt of state benefits, pupil premium or free school meals, you may wish to apply to Soundstorm, the music hub for Bournemouth and Poole for an access grant of up to £300 for the academic year. Please see the Soundstorm website for further details and how to apply.
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- 1.5 If your child misses a lesson through illness, no refund of the lesson fee will be made, or the lesson made up unless there are exceptional circumstances (hospitalization, long term absence due to ongoing illness).

2. Lessons/absence

- 2.1 If the teacher misses the lesson through absence or illness, a lesson will be made up at a later date, or if at the end of a term the lesson will either be carried over to the following term, or a lesson refund will be given.
- 2.2 All peripatetic lessons are commissioned with private tutors. Should your child miss one of a series of weekly lessons due to attending a school event (e.g. trip), the fee for the missed lesson still stands. Please bear this in mind when commissioning lessons, just as you would for private lessons organised out of school.

3. Cancellation or changes to arrangements

- 3.1 Fees are non-refundable for the term except under exceptional circumstances (1.5).
- 3.2 If there is insufficient take up of a particular instrument, the individual teacher will refund the payment and will inform the school for our records. The school will endeavour to find a replacement teacher where possible.



3.3 Cancellation requests must be made in writing to the individual teacher with a half-term's notice given. Any student wishing to change instrument must inform the individual teacher and give a half-term's notice in writing.

4. Lessons

4.1 Lessons generally take place during the school day although some teachers will teach before/after school due to employment in other schools.

4.2 Break and lunch time slots may be used if many children wish to learn the same instrument. Lesson times change every half term so no child will always miss break or lunch.

4.3 It is the students' responsibility to check the date/time/location of their lesson and keep their timetable with them.

4.4 Parents should inform the individual teacher at least 48 hours in advance of any problems in attending lessons due to planned absences (school trip/exam/assessment) so the teacher can try to swap lesson times to accommodate.

4.5 Students should purchase and bring to every music lesson a suitable notebook for the teacher to write down the required tasks for practise that week.

4.6 Parents and students are to commit to purchasing the relevant books and materials for the lessons, for example drum pads and sticks, examination books and reeds.

5. Termly invitation to renew lessons

5.1 Invitations to renew lessons are issued in the half-term before the following term. Timetables can only be drafted when returns have been received confirming whether learners wish to continue or discontinue having lessons. Please see the lesson information below.

Instrumental hire scheme

Avonwood currently has a couple of violins, if you wish to borrow one for your child for a half term, however, with limited availability, this will be done on a first come first served basis. Instruments are also available to hire from Soundstorm, the music hub for Bournemouth and Poole. Please see the Soundstorm website for further details and how to apply.

Lesson information for 2025-26

Please contact your peri teacher by the end of term and they will organise a date when payment needs to be made.

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Peripatetic staff contact details

Mr T Cooper	Flute, clarinet, saxophone	newforestwoodwind@outlook.com		All Years
Mrs K Bright	Violin	kathrynbright@ntlworld.com	07910667721	All Years Would prefer individual lessons only. Please contact for more details.
Mr D Mayo	Guitar (acoustic, electric and bass), ukulele	Preferred contact: avonbourneguitar@hotmail.com	07788 557261	All Years
Mrs J Wright	Keyboard, voice	Preferred contact: musicjane405@gmail.com		KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5, 6)

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