



May 30th 2016

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Important information for Pupils receiving tuition from Durham Music Service

As a school, through the Durham Music Service (DMS), we are delighted to be in a position to offer a wide range of musical tuition as part of the school's extended musical experience.

DMS makes a direct charge to parents/carers for lessons, but this covers approximately one third of the overall cost at this school. Durham Johnson pays for over half the total cost with the remainder being subsidised by Durham Music Service using the DFE funding through Arts Council England (instrument hire is dealt with directly by DMS).

Over the last 5 years we have invited voluntary contributions towards the school's costs of tuition in order that we can continue to offer as many lessons as possible, whilst maintaining relatively small group size. We have been very grateful for these voluntary contributions and indeed they have enabled us to maintain our current levels of provision. However, as you will appreciate, finances in school are exceptionally tight, and so from September 2016, I'm afraid that this additional contribution will no longer be voluntary and we will need to charge £25 per student, per term, to all pupils receiving DMS tuition. Even with the cost charged by DMS and this additional contribution, the lessons in school are still cheaper than private tuition.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Durham County Council' and given to Mr Holmes in an envelope marked 'Music Tuition'. Please ensure that your child's name is on the back of the cheque. Cheques may either be handed in each term (£25.00), or a single cheque for £75.00 may be written in September.

If you feel unable to make the necessary contribution, or have any questions or comments about this new arrangement, please contact me or Mr Holmes, Otherwise, please would you complete the slip of the foot of this letter and return it to the Music Department by Monday July 4th?

Yours sincerely,

Michael Wardle – Headteacher

Durham Music Service Tuition Costs

I acknowledge receipt of the letter outlining the new additional contribution for DMS tuition, and agree to make the necessary payments from September 2016.

Signature
(Parent Carer)

Date.....

Name of Pupil Form

Instrument.....



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