

WARDEN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Instrumental Teaching Policy

This is a policy statement for instrumental teaching taking effect from September 2002 onwards. Original policy September 1994, reviewed September 1999 and May 2002.

- ◆ A sum of money will be set aside each year to subsidise the cost of instrumental teaching for those pupils showing an interest and aptitude for playing a musical instrument.
- ◆ The level and type of provision will be determined by the Head Teacher, Music Co-ordinator and Governors.
- ◆ Parents of pupils receiving instrumental lessons will be required to pay a termly fee of £40.00 –effective September 2002 - which together with the School’s subsidy will meet the total cost of the provision.
- ◆ Free lessons, and the free use of an instrument, may be provided for instrumental pupils whose families are in receipt of Income Support or Family Credits providing that good progress is maintained. Free tuition and the free use of an instrument is also dependent upon the teaching being provided through the Gloucestershire Music Service
- ◆ Instruments can be hired from the Colwell Centre for Arts, at an agreed fixed rate per term. Applications for hire will be sent direct by parents and not through the school office.
- ◆ A pupil will be taught in a group not exceeding 4 members unless in exceptional circumstances.
- ◆ Thirty teaching sessions are provided per year. These will be spread over the 38 weeks that pupils attend school.
- ◆ Where a pupil begins part way through a term, he/she will receive the number of lessons scheduled for the remainder of the term and pay on a pro-rata basis.
- ◆ Fees will be requested on a termly basis and are non refundable, except where a teacher fails to attend the full 30 lessons in any one year.
- ◆ Full fees will be required for new starters who receive their first lesson up to, and including, the fifth lesson of term. Half payments apply for pupils beginning from the sixth week.
- ◆ Most lessons will be of 30 minutes duration. However, where it would better serve the pupils’ interest, lesson duration may be varied to suit particular circumstances.
- ◆ Costs of sheet music, purchase or private hire of instruments, replacement instrumental parts etc., are to be met by the pupil’s parents (even if entitled to free tuition).

◆ The Gloucestershire Music Service pursues its own syllabus related to its Performer's Certificate, which is fully accredited by QCA. It is possible for pupils to take other national graded examinations where this is recommended by the teacher or requested by the parent. Entries for these examinations will be supported where parents agree to meet the cost of the examination.

◆ Tuition for the following instruments is available:

Years 2* - 6 Violin/ 'Cello

Years 5 - 6 Clarinet/Flute

Years 4 - 6 Cornet/Trumpet/Baritone

- Second term onwards.

Authorised by

Head Teacher

Effective: Immediately.

Distribution:

Music Co-ordinator, Office Copy and Governors

Computer File to be held by the Head Teacher and available to all staff

Revisited November 2003 - Termly charges amended

NB School secretary to gradually take over day-to-day running of peripatetic timetable from co-ordinator.