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### Instrumental Music Lessons

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in starting violin or viola lessons. I hope this letter will answer any questions you may have about instrumental lessons in school.

It is vitally important that pupils are encouraged to practice at home everyday - do please discuss the implications of this with your child very carefully as it does involve a certain amount of commitment from all of the family!

It may be necessary for parents to buy, or hire, a new or used instrument in order to start lessons (it is usually possible to trade these in part exchange for larger sizes later). SPYM will hire out instruments by the term for a modest sum and I can give you their email address if required.

Lessons are held once a week, either individually, or in small groups (usually beginner violinists). The cost of lessons is £6.75 per child for group lessons, £10 for an individual 20 minute lesson, or £15 for an individual 30 minute lesson (usually only available in the High Schools). Groups have a maximum of four pupils but two or three is more frequent.

You will receive an invoice at the beginning of each half term requesting payment for lessons during that half term - so payment is made in advance. I must point out that refunds are not given for missed lessons (through school trips, illness etc) and fees may increase with fuel costs. If I am unable to attend, then every effort is made to reschedule the lesson or it is held in credit until the following term. I would also ask for 6 weeks notice of withdrawal for the end of a term if you should wish your child to discontinue taking tuition.

If you wish your child to have the opportunity to learn an instrument, then please complete the slip below and return to the school as soon as possible. Lessons are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Yours sincerely

Michele A Jenkins

To: Mrs Michele A Jenkins

I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ to learn the

[Please print full name]

Violin

Viola

[Please circle choice]

I am willing / unwilling to buy a violin, if required.

Parent's Signature: -

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Parents' Name and Address:

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Telephone Number:

Email: