



## **Nether Stowe School** **2023/24 MUSIC TUITION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

Music is very important to the life of Nether Stowe School; many of our students choose to have instrumental lessons. Some lessons are provided by our own staff and others by visiting (peripatetic) teachers. Lessons are taught one to one and are 20 minutes each week.

Students come out of timetabled lessons in order to take part and must take responsibility for catching up with any missed work. It is very important that once committed, parents and students know when their lesson is and that students attend promptly with their instrument.

Although the law states that, in general, all education provided during school hours must be free, instrumental and vocal music tuition is an exception to that rule. However, Nether Stowe School do seek to minimise the cost of tuition. Because of this there is an expectation that students who choose to take part in music tuition will in addition participate in a musical group or band during lunchtime or after school. No charge is made for this extra-curricular activity.

Nether Stowe School offers students eligible for free school meals half price music tuition on their first instrument. Tuition fees are payable termly in advance at the beginning of every term. Tuition Fees are setup on Parent Pay on a termly basis. However, if requested an invoice can be raised by the school, which will then allow payment to be made direct to County.

Most students choose to purchase their own instrument, however some are available for hire from the school. Please ask for further details. There is no extra charge for music practice diaries but students are required to purchase their own music (under the direction of their teacher).

The following tuition is offered:

- Drums
- Guitar
- Piano
- Clarinet
- Cello
- Keyboard
- Flute
- Saxophone
- Violin and Viola

**Contracts for music tuition must be return to Nether Stowe School by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**



## ANNUAL MUSIC TUITION AGREEMENT

Nether Stowe School is able to provide music tuition this in accordance with the conditions set out below:

Student's Name .....

Year Group in September 2023 .....

Tuition required .....

Fee Required: £290 per instrument, per year  
**Paid in three instalments of: £100; £100; £90  
via parent pay in advance (September,  
January, April)**

FSM Subsidy  please tick if applicable

Method of payment following an invoice from school (please select preference)

Parent Pay (online)

### 1. FEES

The fees for music tuition are shown above and in accordance with the scale of charges determined annually by Nether Stowe School Governors. The charges will be published at the start of each financial year for the academic year which follows. Fees are chargeable annually, but are paid termly in advance online via Parent Pay. A 50% subsidiary is available on the first instrument only to those students in receipt of Free School Meals, please contact the school office for further information.

### 2. LESSONS

Lessons will normally be given weekly. The number of lessons in a term may vary according to the length of the school term but the total number of lessons in one academic year will usually be no less than 33.

### 3. CONDITIONS

Conditions as set out overleaf will apply to this Agreement. Please note that this Agreement continues from the first lesson until the **end of academic year** at the school unless terminated in accordance with the conditions contained in paragraph 22 overleaf.

### PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS SECTION:

Name of Parent/Carer:.....

Telephone Number: Home: .....Mobile:.....

## ACCEPTANCE

I hereby accept the offer of music tuition for my child in accordance with the conditions set out below.

Signed:..... Date:.....  
(Parent/Carer)

**A copy of this agreement will be returned to you at the start of the music tuition.**

### CONDITIONS OF MUSIC TUITION 2017/18

#### Nether Stowe School

##### Definitions

The "school" shall mean Nether Stowe School.

The "teacher" shall mean a music teacher who may not be an employee of the school.

The reference to the "student" shall include the parent or legal guardian of the student.

##### Instruments

1. Students must provide their own instruments where these are portable. Students having piano or drum lessons will have access to an instrument for practice in school.

##### Tuition

2. It is assumed that during each academic year, students will receive an average of thirty three lessons of 20 minutes duration over the three terms, in small groups of like ability.
3. Music tuition will continue automatically from one academic year to the next unless cancellation notice (as set out in paragraph 22) is received. Tuition will automatically cease during the summer term of Year 11. (Tuition after this may continue with the agreement of the school)
4. No lesson will be given until a fully completed contract is received from the student. If this contract is not returned by **30th June 2017** then the school shall assume that lessons are not required and provision will not be made for the student. This action may not be redeemable.

##### Extra Lessons

5. Extra lessons may be given at the teacher's discretion.

##### Fees and Invoicing

6. Fees for music tuition will be published at the start of each financial year for the following academic year. Notice of any increase in charges will be published in writing. The parent/carer is aware that payment for the full academic year is due under the contract.
7. The School will send out invoices at the beginning of each term for music lessons.
8. Fees for the academic year are non-refundable and are due within 30 days of the invoice. If an invoice remains unpaid 14 days after the due date, the school reserves the right to cease tuition immediately and the invoice remains due. Lessons missed through non-payment of the invoice will be forfeit.
9. The school reserves the right to demand full payment where a payment is missed or late.
10. A 50% subsidiary is available to those students in receipt of Free School Meals, application to the school is required. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the school is made aware of such a situation before the student is invoiced. Upon the student becoming ineligible during the academic year, an invoice will be raised for the remainder of the year's tuition.

##### Timetabling

11. Students have music lessons during school time and will therefore come out of curriculum lessons to attend their music lessons. Music lessons are timetabled and the student is responsible for ensuring that they know when and where their lesson is to take place.
12. Timetabling of music lessons is done by the music department. The music department is the first point of contact for students wishing to re-schedule a music lesson.
13. Updated timetables will be posted on the notice board outside the music room.
14. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they attend their music lessons at the correct time each week. Music teachers will not fetch students from subject lessons.

**Missed Lessons**

15. Fees for lessons missed through a student's absence due to sickness or holidays taken in term-time are not refundable.
16. Lessons missed through illness or absence of the teacher will be rearranged or credited at the discretion of the school at the end of the academic year.
17. Lessons missed as a result of the school will be assessed on an individual basis taking into account the following:
  - if the school is closed to both staff and students due to widespread disaster or inclement weather etc., and this information is published on the school website in advance, lessons will be re-arranged or credited by the teacher;
  - if the school closes to students before the end of the normal school day due to an emergency or inclement weather etc., and the teacher is in school and prepared to remain, lessons will continue as scheduled and any missed lessons will be forfeit

**Notification of Changes to Scheduled Music Lessons**

18. Any changes to the lesson schedule will be posted on the notice board outside the music room and on the classroom door of the scheduled lesson. Lessons not attended due to the student not checking these areas will be forfeit.

**Lessons Cancelled by the Teacher**

19. A lesson may be cancelled by the teacher at any time but in such an event, the teacher shall arrange to carry the lesson forward to a later date or time.

**Music Examinations**

20. The teacher will not enter a student for any examination without the prior consent of the parent or guardian who will be liable for the examination fee. Parents will be responsible for ensuring that the student arrives at the examination venue at the correct time. Examination fees are payable in advance to the school.

**Notice to Discontinue**

21. Lessons may be discontinued by the student giving the school one term's notice in writing of the intention to cease music lessons. Such written notice must be received by the school no later than the first lesson of the term in which music lessons are to stop. The student will still be liable for that academic year's tuition regardless of the date of cancellation.
22. In the case of a student's poor attendance, poor behaviour or insufficient time devoted to practice, lessons may be discontinued by the teacher without notice. Lessons would cease at the end of the paid year.

**Students Leaving the School**

23. If a student leaves the school before the end of the year (e.g. due to re-location of family or change of school), notice to discontinue music lessons must be given as laid out in paragraph 22.

**Student Progress Report**

24. The teacher will provide the parents of the student with a written progress report at least once a year. Progress may be discussed verbally with the teacher at any time during the school year.

**Parental Contact**

25. The parent is required to provide the teacher with a contact telephone number (or numbers) to enable the teacher to contact the parent directly if necessary.

**Co-operation**

26. While the teacher will make every reasonable effort to improve the knowledge and ability of the student, the student cannot expect to progress without fully co-operating with the teacher and adhering to the practice sessions advised by the teacher.

**Variation**

27. No variation of this Agreement shall be effective unless made in writing and signed by the parent and teacher.

**New Year 7**

28. Students joining the school in year 7 who have been receiving lessons at primary school will be offered to continue lessons in their instrument where possible, where this is not possible they may be offered alternative instrument tuition. Conditions as above will still apply.
29. New students who have not previously had music tuition may still be offered lessons when places become available. Conditions as above will still apply