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Dear Parent/Carer

Instrumental Tuition at The Ripley Academy

Your child has expressed an interest in receiving music lessons at school. Instrumental tuition is available on many instruments including the drums, guitar, piano, voice, clarinet, flute, trumpet, saxophone, violin and many more string, brass and woodwind instruments. There are opportunities for your child to have individual or shared lessons for 20-30 minutes.

The price of a 20 minute shared lesson is £4.00-4.90, 15 minute individual lesson £7.00-7.20, a 20 minute individual lesson is £8.00-9.30 or 30 minute individual lesson is £12.00-13.50. Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership can subsidise some instrumental lessons if you qualify and are in receipt for any one of the following; Free School Meals, Income Support, Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance or Working Tax Credit. If your child qualifies for the subsidised lessons the instrumental lessons for drums, piano, voice, saxophone, clarinet, flute, violin, cello and double bass are at a reduced cost of £1.50 for a 20 minute shared lesson, £6.00 for a 20 minute individual lesson or £10.50 for a 30 minute individual lesson. The timetabling and invoicing are done by the peripatetic music tutors themselves.

Research has shown that children who learn a musical instrument are more likely to be successful in other areas of their education: this can be partly explained by the way playing an instrument develops concentration, a sense of self worth and success. Children begin to believe in their ability to achieve and succeed and it is enjoyable!

If you would like your child to have instrumental lessons, please complete the slip below and return it to me. Once I have received the reply slip, I will pass on the student's name to the appropriate peripatetic tutor and they will contact you in due course.

Yours sincerely

Miss Close
Teacher of Music

The Ripley Academy, Peasehill, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3JQ.

Please return the reply slip to Miss Close

I would like to have instrumental lessons at The Ripley Academy.

I understand that these will take place during normal school lessons and that my child may need to catch up on any missed work.

Child's Form group:

Instrument (first choice): (Shared/Individual)

Instrument (second choice):(Shared/Individual)

Signed (parent/carer) Date:

Relationship to child Contact number: