

DEVELOPING A PASSION FOR MUSIC

Dear Parents

Further to my visit to Willoughby Primary School to meet the children, if your child is interested in learning the ukulele, guitar or piano I would appreciate you reading the below information pack as there is a little bit of administration to do before we get to the exciting part. Hopefully this is quick and painless and then the good stuff can begin!

This document outlines the lesson schedule, payment, absence and cancellation policies for instrument lessons with Mr Matthew Green at MG Music Tuition.

It also includes the information required to register the student for lessons and to set up invoicing.

My child would like to learn the guitar/piano etc. Why should they start with the ukulele?

With extensive experience in teaching a variety of different instruments to primary and secondary school pupils, it is recommended that young learners, especially EYFS and KS1 pupils, start their musical journey learning the ukulele, even if pupils want to eventually play the guitar, piano or any other instrument.

The ukulele helps nuture motor skills for younger learners, it is easier to handle and to play simple tunes relatively quickly. The comparitive ease of use and the fun the instrument brings often translates into better engagement and quicker progression. Skills aquired can then be transferable to other instruments.

One to One Lessons

Available in varied durations depending on age, individual lessons are tailored to suit each pupil to enable greater engagement and enjoyment in learning.

Whether pupils are interested in achieving grades or simply want to play music they know, pupils will gain skills in reading music, understanding music theory, training musical ears, and even singing; not just how to play their instrument of choice.

Paired and Group Lessons

Playing music with others is another fun way of learning an instrument and how music works. It can also act as a great way of developing social skills.

In the interest of pupil's enjoyment in playing music with fellow pupils of a similar age, it is encouraged that parents discuss and agree on who is paired or grouped with their child before registering for lessons. Grouped lessons are available for up to 5 pupils per group. Mr Matthew Green will then try to accommodate these requests as best possible. Due to some pupils developing faster than others it may sometimes be the case where a pupil changes groups to fit with a more advanced group.

Lesson Schedule

Lessons will take place within the dedicated music room at Willoughby Primary School. Instrument lessons with Mr Matthew Green are independent from the school and have no affiliation with the staff at Willoughby Primary School.

The teacher will collect the student from their classroom. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure they have their instrument (*not keyboard) on their instrument lesson day along with the relevant instrument books required.

Lessons will take place on a weekly basis during term time. Where lessons fall on a bank holiday, lessons will not take place and will not be charged.

During Nottinghamshire school holidays additional lessons can be arranged in advance if requested. Lessons during school holidays will need to be delivered at the student's home, or online.

Instruments

Whilst many instruments are available to purchase (and look alike) there are a number of things to look out for as several are designed to function as a toy rather than for accurate learning.

Mr Matthew Green has personally recommended instruments for purchasing up front or for loaning.

Should you wish to purchase or loan an instrument through Mr Matthew Green please fill in the appropriate section beneath the Student Registration Form at the end of this document.

Instrument packs purchased or loaned through Mr Matthew Green come with advised and endorsed accessories.

Instrument Pack Prices

KS1 Ukulele pack - £60.00 to purchase or £12.00 per month to loan (a minimum of 1 term/2 months) and the instrument and accessories are yours after 6 months should pupils want to continue with lessons.

KS2 Ukulele pack - £110.00 to purchase or £22.00 per month to loan (a minimum of 1 term/2 months) and the instrument and accessories are yours after 6 months should pupils want to continue with lessons.

Guitar pack - £150.00 to purchase or £30.00 per month to loan (a minimum of 1 term/2 months) and the instrument and accessories are yours after 6 months should pupils want to continue with lessons.

Please note Mr Matthew Green is happy to discuss what keyboard/piano for parents to purchase directly.

The requested instruments are handed to pupils upon their starter lesson.

No deposit is required for loaning instruments from Mr Matthew Green.

Method Books and Exam Books

It is important all pupils come to lessons with their own books so dates, markings and notes to parents can be made to assist in practice at home.

All books used for lessons and for exam preparation are bought by Mr Matthew Green and invoiced with the lesson fees.

Available Lesson Types

Instrument	Lesson Type	Duration	Pupil Price per Lesson
Piano/Keyboard	One to One	20 mins	£20.00
Ukulele	One to One	20 mins	£20.00
Ukulele	Paired	20 mins	£12.00
Ukulele	Group (3-5 pupils)	20 mins	£10.00
Guitar	One to one	20 mins	£20.00
Guitar	Paired	20 mins	£12.00

Payment Policy

Invoices are sent to the email address (given in this Student Registration Form) at the end of each month for lessons delivered.

Payment should be made at latest by the last day of the following month and be paid directly to Mr Matthew Green at MG Music Tuition via bank transfer using the invoice reference.

If payment is late, MG Music Tuition reserves the right to cease lessons until payment is received.

Absence Policy

In the event the teacher, Mr Matthew Green, is unable to attend on the day of the lesson, the lesson will be rescheduled. If it cannot be rescheduled at a suitable time within 7 days, the lesson fee will be deducted from the subsequent invoice.

In the event a student is absent **with** good reason (holiday, medical appointment, sports match etc) and a parent/student has given 48 hours notice of the scheduled lesson the teacher will aim to reschedule the lesson

within 7 days, either in person or online. If this cannot be rescheduled at a suitable time the lesson fee will be deducted from the subsequent invoice.

In the event a student is absent **without** good reason or with less than 48 hours notice given by the parent/student, MG Music Tuition reserves the right to request the lesson be paid in full.

Cancellation Policy

If a student does not wish to continue with their instrument lessons the teacher needs to receive one month's written notice via email to matt--green@hotmail.com.

If you wish to proceed (I hope so) please complete the details on the following page. You are nearly there!



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Student Registration Form

Student Full Name	
Student Prefered Name	
Student School	
Student School Year	
Chosen Instrument	
Lesson Type (One to one, Paired, Group)*	
If Paired or Group, please confirm first names of fellow pupils and their year group	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian Email Address	
Parent/Guardian Home Address	
Parent Contact Telephone Number	
Student Special Requirements/Further Information	

Should you have any queries please contact Matt via email at matt--green@hotmail.com

^{*} As per Available Lessons Type section.



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Loaning or Purchasing Instrument

Student Full Name	
Student School	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian Email Address	
Purchase or Loan	
Instrument Required	
Ukulele Colour* (Natural, Black, Red, Purple, Dark Blue, Light Blue)	

*Subject to availability – please therefore advise on first and second choice.

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