

29th January 2024

Dear Family

Requesting Music Lessons for the Summer Term 2023-24

At Honywood School, we are offering 1-to-1 music lessons provided in partnership with Essex Music Service and delivered through their specialist music tutors. Learning a musical instrument can be very beneficial for a child. Not only does it provide a great sense of enjoyment and achievement but it can also have positive effects on a child's social, personal, and educational development.

If you wish for your child to start music lessons in the summer term, please sign up via this online link **before Monday 26**th **February**:

https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1553#/courselist/25

Music lessons will take place during the school day.

Please be aware of these **key dates** regarding this process:

- 26th February: Families should sign up to the waiting list before this date
- 11th March: EMS will be invoicing families for lessons in the summer term
- 15th April: Timetables for the summer term and shared with learners, parents/carers and tutors
- W/C 22nd April: Instrumental lessons start

Financial Assistance and Instrument Hire

Essex Music Service provide <u>Financial Assistance</u> for families on a low income, and free instrumental and vocal lessons are available for Looked after Children. All applications for financial assistance need to be entered via the Essex Music Service website.

Essex Music Service also offer low cost <u>Instrument Hire</u> for any child in Essex. Please ensure applications for hiring an instrument are made at the same time as requesting lessons, via the Essex Music Service website.

Below are the details of the provision offered, and the cost per term for the academic year 23 – 24:

	Cost (10- week term)	With Tuition Discount (66%)	Cost for LAC or prev LAC (Looked After Children)
15-minute individual lessons x 10 weeks	£85.50	29.07	Free

20-minute individual lessons x 10 weeks	£114.00	£38.76	£9.70
30-minute individual lessons x 10 weeks	£171.00	£58.14	£29.07
Paired Lesson for 20 minutes x 10 weeks (Must involve two students to qualify)	£57	£19.38	Free

Making your first payment

Once your child has been allocated a lesson with a music tutor, Essex Music Service will email you an invoice to pay. You will have 2 weeks to make payment and if timely payment is not made, lessons will be cancelled. Please do not pay the school directly.

Continuing with lessons

Once lessons begin, these will continue until you give notice to stop. If you wish to stop your child's lessons, notice must be provided via email to MusicHub@essex.gov.uk rather than to the school. This must be done by at least half term to finish at the end of that term. Full details are available in the terms and conditions provided by Essex Music Service.

We look forward to working together in partnership with Essex Music Service to develop your child's love of music!

Yours sincerely

Mr Philpott

Subject Leader for Expressive Arts