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Dear Parent / Carer



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION APPLICATION: PAPDALE

Applications have reopened for Papdale pupils in Primary 4 to Primary 7 who are interested in receiving tuition on a musical instrument through Orkney Schools Instrumental Music Service. If you already submitted an application form for your child last term there is no need to resubmit.

The service offers free tuition in 16 instruments from the bowed string, brass and woodwind families as follows:

brass (cornet, trumpet, French horn, tenor horn, trombone, baritone, euphonium, tuba)

bowed strings (violin, viola, cello, double bass)

woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone and recorder)

Limited spaces are available for brass and cello/double bass, with more capacity for woodwind and violin/viola.

Guitar, bass guitar, ukulele, drum kit, keyboard and tuned percussion are viewed as 'classroom instruments' and as such are taught by school music teachers, not the Instrumental Music Service. Annual funding from Creative Scotland's Youth Music Initiative often provides an additional short block of tuition in percussion and guitar for older primary pupils.

Applicants for instrumental music tuition will have two taster sessions with every Instrumental Music Instructor that attends their school. The Instructors may also carry out simple rhythmic tests, such as keeping a pulse or clapping a rhythm, and will look at physical suitability to the instruments.

They will observe general skills which may include:

- Listening to and following instructions
- Concentration
- Coping with being out of class and catching up with work
- Taking turns
- Behaviour

After these sessions, the instructors will meet and recommend the orchestral family/instrument best suited to your child. Not all applicants will be successful in gaining a place, most often because the instructors feel they are not ready to cope with the demands of learning an instrument. We ask for your support as parent / carer in explaining to your child that not everyone will be chosen for instruction. Pupils are welcome to reapply the following year

If your child is chosen for instruction, they will receive a trial lasting 1-2 terms. 25-minute lessons will be provided each week during term time. This must be supported with regular practice at home several times per week for progress to be made. After the trial is complete lessons will continue if the Instructor is pleased with progress and your child's suitability to the instrument.

Instruments are provided free of charge, but please let us know if you have your own, or are thinking of buying one, as it is important to get the correct size of instrument for your child. Consumables such as woodwind reeds and replacement strings will be provided but you may be required to purchase music books after the trial period is complete.

If your child already receives lessons through the Instrumental Music Service, there is no need to reapply for their place. On a rare occasion a child already receiving lessons through the Instrumental Music Service may wish to change orchestral family. Both instructors must agree to the change, and if an agreement is reached the child forfeits lessons on the original instrument. Please contact the Instrumental Music Service if applicable.

How to apply:

Please complete the attached form and return it via email to ims@orkney.gov.uk or by hand to your child's school office by Thursday 2nd November 2022. If you require a paper copy of this form these are available from your child's school office.

Alternatively, a Microsoft word version of the application form is available on the Orkney Islands Council website; please type "Instrumental Music Service" in the search box on the www.orkney.gov.uk home page.

If you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Education, Leisure and Housing on 01856 873535 or email ims@orkney.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynn Procter". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lynn Procter
Principal Teacher of Expressive Arts

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION APPLICATION FORM: PAPDALE

Please complete this form and return via email to the Instrumental Music Service on ims@orkney.gov.uk or by hand to your child's school office by Thursday 3rd November 2022.



Child's Name:

School:

Class:

Does your child currently receive or has received tuition in any instrument? Please give details.

Parent/Carer name and email address:
(for use in connection with music tuition only)

Feel free to use the space below to tell us any other information, e.g., if you already have an instrument etc.