

CLARE BERESFORD BMUS (HONS) PGCE

8th September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I came into school today to introduce the children to the violin and to talk about the chance of having violin lessons in school.

I offer either 20-minute individual lessons (at £9.50 per lesson), 30-minute individual lessons (£14 per lesson), or shared lessons with a maximum of three in a group (£5 per half-hour lesson in a group of 3, or £7 per half-hour lesson in a pair.) You can apply for a bursary from Wiltshire Rural Music School if help is needed paying for lessons or equipment. To find out more about the scheme please visit: www.wiltshireruralmusic.co.uk.

All pupils must either have an instrument of their own, or they may hire one from Wiltshire Rural Music School, if one is available (please enquire at the above email). The instrument needs to be in excellent condition and full working order. (I would recommend avoiding the cheapest Lark brand.) Other essential items are:

Rosin (available from music shops or online)

Shoulder rest to fit the violin (please avoid the brand Lark), or a fairly small sponge and strong, large rubber band.

Duster

Tutor book (To be decided upon)

Pupils would need to practise regularly, and parents are asked to **support their child** in establishing a regular routine. Pupils are given a practice-chart to fill in weekly, and they can earn stickers for effort each week. As they get more advanced they may have the chance to play in performances in school. There is also an option to take exams when they reach the appropriate level. Once they have mastered the basics and can use some of their left-hand fingers they would be eligible to join Chippenham Junior strings, details for which I'll hand out when the time comes.

There is a lot to learn in the first few months, and so **patience** and **persistence** are important factors, as is lots of **encouragement**. However, there is plenty that pupils will be able to do fairly quickly, and I aim to make their learning process as enjoyable as possible!

If you would like to sign your son/daughter up for violin lessons, please complete the slip below, and hand it in to the school office in a clearly marked envelope by _____ . I will then confirm availability and details of any groups.

Conditions:

Payment for lessons must be received in advance and handed in to the **school office** by the date given on the invoice each term. Please note that **late payments cannot be accepted. A minimum of half a term's notice is required if your child decides to stop having lessons**, allowing sufficient time for any re-organisation of my timetable.

Most communication can be done by email, or messages can be left for me in the office. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions at: clareberesford@googlemail.com

Yours sincerely,

Clare Beresford.

I wish to sign my child up for violin lessons with Clare Beresford.

Child's name _____

Year ____

Parent/Guardian's name _____

I would like to sign up for 20- minute individual lessons/30- minute individual lessons (please circle your preference)

I would prefer to arrange for 30-minute group lessons as and when available - yes/no (please circle preference.)

I agree with the terms and conditions regarding payment and giving in the required notice if my child decides to stop lessons.

Signature _____ Date _____

Email address _____

A contact telephone number (optional) _____