



Flute Clarinet Drums Keyboard Violin Guitar Singing

(Brass and Saxophone also available for older pupils)

Music Tuition at Chadsmead

As you are aware the Government have made the decision that they MAY re-open schools on June 1st to some year groups. If the Government's tests have been met, school will open to those children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Key worker and vulnerable children from all other groups will still be able to attend.

We are now working hard on making sure that procedures, risk assessments and measures are in place to keep children, staff and parents safe. There are many protective measures to consider, that include social distancing, classroom layouts, start and end of day times to names a few.

More details will follow on how we will manage the practicalities of each day. **We will be in contact next week, to set out further details for your child's return.**

Many of you will be concerned or anxious about this potential return. Parents will want to consider your individual circumstances. Parents will have different viewpoints on what is the best thing to do at this difficult time. Please take time to reflect on what will be best for your family, ready to share and discuss with us when we speak next week.

This week, Mrs Miles tells us about music at Chadsmead. Sadly, we have missed out on our annual music concert, where all the children who take lessons, perform to the whole school and parents. This usually happens in May. Every time I am amazed and proud of the children for having the confidence and the skill to do this. Music lessons will continue next academic year and places need to be booked now.

How many times have you wished you could play an instrument? Over the years, this is something I've heard many times. I have been at Chadsmead for almost twenty-three years now and one of the many strengths of our school throughout this time has been our music provision and the opportunities we offer to our children. I had a wonderful primary music experience myself which is why I am passionate about providing all that we can for our children now.

When I watch pupils who have music lessons, it is always a pleasure to see the improvement in their skills and the way their confidence grows to enable them to participate in concerts both within school and in the wider community. Music that begins at Chadsmead continues into high school where we are proud to see large numbers of our pupils in school shows, as part of the orchestra as well as in school bands and choirs. Many of our pupils go on to take GCSE / A Level Music so the opportunities that begin here really can be the start of something long term for your child.

In addition to our class music lessons, we offer weekly instrumental tuition to pupils in KS2. Lessons are taught by specialist musicians from Entrust in a dedicated music room in the KS2 building. **Lessons are usually in groups of four pupils for twenty minutes. The cost is £150 for the year.** (Reductions are available for those pupils who take free school meals.) **We also offer large group tuition (approx. 20 pupils) in Violin Y3/4 and Guitar Y5/6. This costs £60 per year and is a more cost effective way of introducing children to music lessons in a supportive group situation.** My work over the coming weeks will include booking the peripatetic staff for the coming academic year. Please discuss this with your child and await the MyEd notification for how to book lessons. Lessons must be booked by Friday 5th June.