

## **Andrew Dimond BA(Hons) PGCE**

1 Pentland Rd Aylesbury HP21 7NB  
andrewjdimond@hotmail.com  
07905 123073

Dear Parents,

### **RE: Piano lessons at Haddenham Junior School**

Your child has the opportunity to learn piano at school. They will have the opportunity to play for ABRSM exams, or simply for enjoyment. It is recommended that your child is able to practice at home on a piano, or an electric keyboard in the early stages if you don't own a piano. Exams will be undertaken only when we are confident it will be a positive experience, and all parties are keen. You will be required to purchase music occasionally- for complete beginners, please purchase a copy of *Me and My Piano book 1*, and *Music Theory for Young Musicians- Grade 1*, both available at Aylesbury Music on Temple Street. You should try to come to your first lesson with these, if possible.

It's important to practice regularly, and homework is set every week. The homework is always achievable with relatively little work, but just enough to ensure that you are playing regularly. With a bit of effort, piano playing can become a deeply rewarding hobby and an asset to every CV, and with a bit more work it can become a lifestyle! Students are welcome to study classical piano, pop or jazz and blues- so long as they throw themselves into it. I am, of course, happy to teach a style according to the student's enthusiasm, and with the understanding of the parents.

There will be 33 lessons- roughly one a week- over the course of the year, at a cost of £396. This is payable by 3 cheques, dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021, and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 each for £132. This will equate to 11 lessons each term, though this may vary slightly, however total for year will not. Lessons usually operate on a rolling timetable to avoid missing the same classes each week. Timetables are issued at the beginning of term, for your on-going reference. Please bring your book every lesson- this is very important. You will also be given a little book to note homework in, and for any parent-teacher communications. There will also be occasional opportunities to play at concerts, should you wish!

**Regarding COVID 19 and September 2020 start:** due to timetable changes within HCJS there are a finite number of slots available for start in September 2020. Continuing students will be prioritised and should all get places. Students entering year 3 are encouraged to complete and return their form and cheques as soon as possible in order that you may secure one of the remaining slots. It appears likely that some students will have to be turned away, and in this scenario, I will consider other options depending on how long the list is, such as group lessons. Some lessons may continue via Skype if this is deemed necessary. In the event of another school closure, all lessons will continue via Skype.

To discuss further the possibility to taking lessons and to sign up, please complete the form below and return, or email any queries you have before doing so. If you are signing up mid-year, please contact me directly first, in order to fix a start date, and adjust payment amounts accordingly.

Sincerely,

Andrew Dimond

## Piano Lessons Enrolment Form

Student's name:

Date of Birth:

Known and relevant special educational needs that you are comfortable disclosing:

Year group and class as of September:

Parent's name:

Email address:

Telephone number:

House address:

By signing, you understand the following:

- That you are purchasing 33 piano lessons in advance, and that you must therefore advise me directly in advance of the beginning of a term any reasons your child may not be able to attend a lesson in that term if you wish to reschedule it;
- If your son or daughter misses a timetabled lesson, e.g., she/he is ill, forgets and can't be found, or is on a trip that I was not made aware of, it is likely that the lesson will be forfeited at your expense, subject to my discretion;
- If you would like to stop lessons permanently, you must give notice before half term to cancel the following term's lessons;
- If for some reason I am not able to be available for 33 lessons, I will re-arrange lessons, or the cost of missed lessons will be refunded pro rata.
- If your child is clearly and visibly suffering an illness known to be infectious when sent to a lesson, the lesson will be cancelled without notice or refund, and the child returned to their lesson.
- It is the responsibility of you and your son or daughter to ensure they get to their lessons on time (timetables are displayed in the piano room, held in the office, and distributed to all relevant teachers and parents to help with this, and I will always fetch a student if necessary! )
- That payments made by bank transfer must for the entire annual sum of £396 and that no refunds will be offered for termination mid-year with this method of payment. Please make payments to sort code 070116, account number 32248647
- In the event that an ABRSM exam day clashes with scheduled lessons, the lessons will be replaced.

Parent Printed name:

Parent Signature:

Date:

**Please return completed form, including payment made out to Andrew Dimond, to the postal address below.**

### **Checklist:**

One complete and signed form!

Three cheques- please double check the dates, spelling of my name and the amounts.

1 Pentland Rd Aylesbury HP21 7NB  
andrewjdimond@hotmail.com  
07905 123073