



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

From the Autumn term (September 24), we will be handing over the invoicing of your child's music lessons directly to the West of England Music Alliance (WEMA). This means that WEMA will now be your direct contact with regard to invoices.

They will also inform you if they need to reschedule a lesson for whatever reason and keep you up to date with your son/daughter's progress. Any questions or issues you may have with regards to your son/daughter's lessons will be addressed directly with the WEMA or the tutor. We of course will still be on hand to support both the instrumental teachers and yourselves especially in the first couple of terms whilst we all get used to the new system.

High Down Junior wholeheartedly supports any child who wishes to learn a musical instrument, firmly believing that this will help to develop their general listening skills, co-ordination and motor control, self-confidence, personal responsibility and social interaction as well as their general enjoyment of music. We actively encourage students to become involved in music. We hope that these administrative changes will not deter you or your son/daughter from continuing or taking up learning a musical instrument.

Important Information

- **Lessons:** There will be 30 lessons per academic year usually 10 lessons per two terms. The lesson will last 30 or 20 minutes. This depends on the total number of students per teacher.
- **Group Size:** Lessons will be delivered either as an individual, a pair or in a group (up to four) – assuming that there are enough students wishing to learn the same instrument at the same level.
- **Invoices:** Invoices will be issued directly by the West of England Music Alliance.
- **Timetabling:** Times will be posted on the music notice board or in the school and it is students' responsibility to check these times and to politely excuse themselves from school lessons to attend. Timetables will also be available to view on the portal to which you will have parental access.
- **Terms and Conditions:** For Music Hub tuition these can be seen at <https://wema.org.uk/guides-policies-and-tcs/tuition-terms-and-conditions/>
- **Grants and Support:** The school will be able to provide support towards the cost of music lessons if your son/daughter is in receipt of free school meals. Please contact the school directly regarding this support.



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Register your interest online at www.wema.org.uk/register no later than 5th July.

When deciding when to start please select "Starting in September".

Charges for the **2024-2025** Academic Year are

	30 minutes individual	20 minutes individual	30 minutes Paired lesson	Group Lesson
From September 2023	£232.50 for 10 lessons	£155.50 for 10 lessons	£116 for 10 lessons	£77.95 for 10 lessons

If your family is in receipt of Free School Meals please tick the remissions box on the registration page. The school will need to confirm that payment will be made by the school so please discuss with us in the first instance. The Music Hub will then contact you to discuss final arrangements and payment.

Instruments

Instruments are not provided by the school and students are expecting to have their own instrument for lessons. However, there is a wide range of instruments that can be hired from the music hub; you can add this to your application or if you have a query please contact them directly at music@wema.org.uk



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