

6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of the instrumental lesson opportunities available at Forge Valley School.

We currently offer woodwind and drum lessons provided by music teachers from the Sheffield Music Hub. We are keen to increase the number of instrumental and voice lessons we can offer from September, however this will mostly be dependent on the number of pupils interested.

We are keen to encourage pupils to learn an instrument as it has been proven to have many academic, social and mental health benefits as well as being an enjoyable hobby. Therefore, if there is enough interest, we are willing to offer other instrumental lessons such as piano/keyboard, voice, brass, strings, and guitar.

The lessons provided by teachers from the Sheffield Music Hub are paid directly to the Hub as follows (costs below are for the Autumn term):

- 20 minute fortnightly lesson - £81.84 (previously called 20 minute shared lesson)
- 20 minute weekly lesson - £163.68 (previously called 20 minute individual lesson)
- 30 minute weekly lesson - £245.52 (previously called 30 minute individual lesson)
- 40 minute weekly lesson - £327.36 (previously called 40 minute individual lesson)

Fees for hiring instruments are £20 per term or £50 per year for children learning with a Music Hub Music Leader or Accredited Teacher. The cost of consumables such as reeds and strings is to be met by the hirer.

If there is only a small number of pupils wanting an instrumental lesson we may be able to request a Music Hub Accredited Teacher who is self-employed but approved and checked by the Sheffield Music Hub. Lesson fees for Accredited Teachers vary but normally start at £15 per half hour.

There are also opportunities for pupils to get involved in extra-curricular activities, such as school orchestra, keyboard club, vocal groups, and perform in school events such as the Christmas Concert, our school production, lunchtime concerts, open evenings and Forge Fest.

If your child is interested in starting to learn an instrument or continue with lessons they received in Primary school, please complete the form below and return directly to Miss Brown in the Music Department. If your child receives pupil premium funding, there may be opportunities to use this toward the cost of music lessons.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on [lbrown@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:lbrown@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk) if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,

Miss L Brown  
Subject Leader for Music

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### REPLY SLIP

**To be returned Miss Brown (room 210)**

Name of pupil: ..... Form: .....

Instrument you would be interested in having lessons on:

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Parent/carers name: .....

Parent/carers signature: .....

Date: .....