



25th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to announce that instrumental and singing lessons will be resuming in school in the summer term. If your child has not had instrumental/singing lessons at St Edward's before I would strongly encourage you to consider this. After an incredibly challenging year where mental and emotional wellbeing has become a concern for many, the health benefits of music have become more apparent than ever. If you would like to read more, please see this short article that summarises this <https://www.musicnotes.com/now/tips/17-surprising-health-benefits-of-playing-an-instrument/>

All students have the opportunity to take part in instrument/singing lessons at St Edward's School. We currently offer tuition for the Cello, Clarinet, Cornet, Drums, Flute, Guitar (including Acoustic, Electric, Bass and Ukulele), Keyboard, Piano, Saxophone, Tenor Horn, Trombone, Trumpet and Violin, as well as Singing lessons. The cost is £120.00 for individual lessons and £60.00 for group lessons (usually 2 students) per term. There is additional financial support available for students who are Pupil Premium and Free School Meals. Lessons take place during the school day and are on a rotating timetable so that students do not miss the same subject lesson each week. There are ten 20-minute lessons per term.

If you would like your son/daughter to partake in instrument or singing lessons please email the school at enquiries@st-edwards.poole.sch.uk clearly stating:

- The name of your child
- Which instrument your child would like to learn
- Whether you require group or individual lessons.

Providing you have emailed the school by the final week of this term, lessons will be able to start the following term. Once we have your request the school will be in touch to explain how to pay through the Wisepay system or by Cheque. If your child has Free School Meals or is Pupil Premium, please could you indicate this on the email as you may be eligible to financial support towards lessons.

If your child has previously had lessons and you would like them to resume next term please pay on Wisepay from the 1st April to sign up. If you have any further questions regarding the lessons, please feel free to contact me at jsloan@st-edwards.poole.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Sloan
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