



AUBURN HOUSE POLICY

MUSIC - INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

Music is taught in an individual format, during school hours and there is limited time allocation during the day for lessons. Music study requires a commitment – minimum 6 months for 5 to 8-year-olds and a year for 9 years and upwards.

Existing musicians are not required to re-apply to study music. However, we will ask for confirmation that musicians wish to continue the following year.

Music lessons is a year's commitment and a term's written notice is required for the termination of lessons.

Applications received after the start of a term, will be considered for the new term.

Responsibilities of the Teacher

- To make up lessons, where possible, which have been missed due to teacher absence.
- To make up lessons, where possible, which have been missed due to the lengthy absence of the child, or to school outings/events that have resulted in missed lessons.
- To issue reports twice a year, in June & December.
- To consult with the parents, if no satisfactory progress is made by the child over a school term and lessons should be terminated.

Responsibilities of Parents and Child

- To be prepared for all music lessons.
- To ensure regular practice at home. An appropriate instrument must be available for home use.
 - A piano or keyboard should be available at home to facilitate practising for all pianists.
 - For fife/flute tuition - an instrument is highly recommended. However, hiring an instrument could be arranged.
- To have the required music and instruments at school on the day of lessons.
- To pay music fees timeously.
- To give a term's written notice for termination of lessons. A term's fees will be charged in lieu of no notice being given.

Fees

- Fees are payable in advance and are charged through the office. Please refer to the annual fees structure available on the school's website or on request from the office.
- No refunds will be given, but adjustments, should this be necessary, will be made on the school account in the 4th term.
- A total of 32 lessons will be scheduled over the year; this generally amounts to 8 lessons per term.
- Should you wish your child to have two 30 minute lessons per week next year, the termly cost is doubled.
- Lessons will generally start in the second week of term unless otherwise notified.
- Fees will be forfeited if:
 - the child is absent.
 - the child leaves books/instruments at home; theory may be done in this instance, but may not become an ongoing issue.

Music Scholarship

- A Music Bursary may be offered by the School to children aged six to nine years who –
 - shows an interest in music,
 - has an aptitude for music,
 - and where the family may experience financial restraints.
- This bursary is offered for a period of one year and only for the following instruments:
 - Piano
 - Recorder
 - Flute
- The School reserves the right to identify candidates.