



23 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

YMES is delighted to announce that following consultation with Mrs Hyams, our **guitar** and **keyboard** lessons at Hill Top will move back in-school from 9 November.

We've successfully run an online programme throughout lockdown and into this term. However we know that pupils, parents and teachers will now be looking forward to this return to normality. Please be assured that this is in line with guidance and that YMES has risk assessments and covid procedures in place.

This means that enrolment is now open again for **new starters**.

Learning a musical instrument is a great opportunity which is fun and rewarding. It's a fantastic skill to develop and is proven to help children's wider learning. We would encourage any children in years 2-6 who show an interest to give it a try.

YMES coordinates all administration and billing for these lessons which will take place on Monday afternoons during the normal school day. Group sizes and lesson lengths sometimes vary depending on the number of pupils enrolled, but typically 2-3 pupils will share a 20 minute lesson. We also offer 1-to-1 lesson packages if you would like lessons to be tailored purely for your son/daughter.

The cost of group lessons is £6.94. Lessons are committed to and paid for by direct debit in advance. We have two payment plans to suit your circumstances with no difference in overall costs between the two. Our monthly direct debit splits the cost across 8 instalments (10 in future "full" years). Our termly direct debit plan splits the cost across 3 instalments (in advance of each term/part term). The instalments are detailed overleaf. For costs and plans for 1-to-1 lessons please email us.

Pupils will need an instrument to practise on at home. We can provide advice on appropriate models/sizes and the best retailers to purchase/rent from. Keyboards typically cost £100 to buy or £20/mth to rent. Guitars typically cost £40 to buy or £10/mth to rent. You will most likely also need to purchase a tuition book, details of which will be provided by the teacher once lessons commence.

Enrolment is via our easy online form. Just visit:

<https://portal.ymes.org.uk/htop>

Please complete the form by 2 November wherever possible, so we can start timetabling.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch via email at htop@ymes.org.uk.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DMJ", is placed above the printed name.

David Major
Director

YMES

Payment plans for group lessons at Hill Top Primary Academy 2020-21 For pupils starting 9 November 2020

Termly Direct Debit

Term 1 (6 weeks - partial)	2 nd November	£41.64
Term 2 (12 weeks)	2 nd December	£83.28
Term 3 (12 weeks)	2 nd March	£83.28

Monthly Direct Debit

(Splits the cost evenly over 8 instalments)

Instalment 1	2 nd November	£33.20
Instalment 2	15 th November	£25.00
Instalment 3	2 nd December	£25.00
Instalment 4	2 nd January	£25.00
Instalment 5	2 nd February	£25.00
Instalment 6	2 nd March	£25.00
Instalment 7	2 nd April	£25.00
Instalment 8	2 nd May	£25.00