



Lytchett Matravers Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you are aware, we currently offer music lessons lasting for 10, 15, 20 or 30 minutes. The 10 minute individual lesson was brought in during Covid as a way to offer lessons while limiting the amount of time that peripatetic teachers were exposed to different students.

However, following conversations with the peripatetic teachers, we have decided that from January we will begin to phase out the 10 minute individual lessons. **Therefore, from January, 10 minute lessons will no longer be offered to new learners.**

Children who are currently learning to play an instrument in school will continue to have lessons at their current times until the end of the Summer term. **10 minute lessons on all instruments will cease from September 2024.**

The lesson lengths and costs for new learners from January 2024 are outlined below:

	Individual lesson per term	Paired lesson per term (per child)	Shared lesson (3 children) per term (per child)
15 minute	£87.71	-	-
20 minute	£118.34	£59.15	-
30 minute	£175.42	-	£59.15

Wherever possible, we will aim to provide paired or small group lessons. However, this is dependent on the number and ability level of children learning those instruments. Please note that piano lessons are all individual lessons.

We are aware that there is a cost implication for some parents with these changes, at a time when costs are rising everywhere. Please could I draw your attention to the support that is available for music tuition costs:

- Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding are eligible for a 50% reduction in lesson costs and instrument hire.
- [Dorset Music Hub](#) offer Looked After Children and Children in Care free instrument hire (for one instrument)
- [Changing Key Dorset](#) is a new charity which is already providing funding to help support young musicians facing challenging circumstances with the cost of their musical activities. Applications for funding from Changing Key Dorset are welcomed from any young musician educated across Dorset, including the wider BCP area. The funding can be used to support a variety of musical activities provided by private or public providers. Funding awards are for up to £300 per year and last for three consecutive academic terms. For more details about funding awards please visit the [funding application page](#) on the Changing Key Dorset website. Please visit the Changing Key Dorset website for more information: <https://changingkeydorset.co.uk/>

If you are finding it hard to pay for your child's music lessons, please come and talk to us.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Kerry Wells

Music Lead

