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Dear Parent/Carer

Learning To Play a Musical Instrument at Nether Green Junior School

Nether Green Junior School likes to encourage all children, who are interested, to learn how to play a musical instrument and then participate in playing with others, for example, in our school orchestra. We feel that children benefit greatly from doing this.

In Year 3 – Children have the opportunity to learn Cello, Viola, Violin, Trumpet, Double Bass and Drums.

In Year 4 – **Only children who did not take up the opportunity in Y3** have the opportunity to learn Guitar, Clarinet, Flute, Bassoon and Trombone.

In Year 5 & 6 – Children who have not previously taken up an instrument may still have the opportunity to do so. Children in this year group can also sign up for singing lessons.

Music lessons delivered by Sheffield Music Hub music leaders (Cello, Drums, Clarinet, Flute, Bassoon, Trumpet and Trombone) are billed for by the music hub, this also includes instrument hire and/or groups.

In order for lessons to begin you need to complete the registration form which can be found [here](#). Bursaries for Music Hub Lessons maybe available, please see [here](#) for further information and eligibility.

The viola, violin, double bass, guitar and singing lessons are delivered by accredited music teachers, not through the music hub. If your child is interested in these lessons you would need to contact the relevant teacher to sign up. Please see their contact details below.

Viola & Violin – Mrs Yang Hearnshaw – ylhearnshaw@gmail.com

Guitar/Singing – Mr Jack Lowe – <http://www.loweacademy.com/sign-up>

It is a big commitment for a child to learn an instrument and your child will miss some lesson time, therefore, we only allow pupils to learn one instrument in school time. Learning a musical instrument can be a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. It does, however, require a high level of commitment. In the early stages of learning a musical instrument children need to be able to practice their instrument for at least 15 minutes per day, which will increase as your child becomes more accomplished.

Once your child has been allocated tuition for an instrument, we strongly encourage them to continue with that instrument throughout their time at Nether Green Junior School. If there are **exceptional circumstances** for you wanting your child to change their instrument, you should talk with the Music Leader in school. Please note it is expected that all children who learn an orchestral instrument will attend orchestra rehearsals in their second year of tuition as this is a part of the school offer and benefits the child's musical development.

Kind regards,
Nether Green Junior School

