

PENNTHORPE

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. LESSONS

The teacher will give the number of lessons specified on the invoice at the beginning of each school term. Where these take place in school during school hours they will be on a timetabled rota, a copy of which will be emailed through the Practice Pal system. The teacher and the school reserve the right to rearrange lesson times at short notice. Once lessons have been agreed, they will continue for the duration of the Pupil's time at the school, unless notice to terminate lessons is given. Please see section 4 for further information.

2. PAYMENT OF FEES

A block of lessons costs £225 per term. Fee rates are set annually for lessons. The pupil's parent/guardian agrees to pay the term's fees within one week of receiving the invoice. If lessons are not paid for within 3 weeks of the invoice, pupils will not be taught until the fees have been paid and the termly fee will still be charged. Ordinarily, there will be no more than 30 lessons during the course of the school year, but this may vary where school trips, public examinations or other extras in the school calendar occur on the normal lesson day. Fees are usually charged in three series of 10 lessons, though in practice the exact number of lessons received each term will vary according to the length of the term and the teacher's availability. The fees for the final term of the academic year will reflect any additional or unscheduled lessons.

3. MISSED LESSONS

- The teacher will charge for any scheduled lessons which the pupil does not attend (e.g. through sickness or forgetfulness).
- A reasonable attempt will be made by the teacher to locate a non-attendeer and to use the remaining lesson time for an abbreviated lesson.
- If a pupil misses a lesson due to a school trip, a reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the pupil at an alternative time/day if possible.
- If the teacher is unable to make a lesson as arranged, the teacher will inform parents and the school as soon as they are able to in order to make arrangements to make up this lesson, if possible. If it is not possible to make up the extra time, the parents will not be charged for this session.

4. TERMINATION OF TUITION

Parents/Guardians may terminate the Agreement by giving a half term's notice in writing. Notice must be given before the first lesson of the half term. If the Parents/Guardians wish to terminate lessons with immediate effect, notice can be paid "in lieu" (meaning they will pay for the remaining lessons of the half term without attending).

For example:

- If notice is given during September, the lessons and payment will continue until the end of the following half term, which would typically take lessons up to the Christmas break.
- If notice is given during a school holiday, payment will be required for the upcoming half term, and lessons will continue until the next school holiday.

If the Teacher gives notice to terminate tuition, the pupil is entitled to attend any remaining lessons already paid for.

5. CURRICULUM, EXAMINATIONS AND PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

The course of the pupil's studies - including repertoire, public performances and entry for all examinations and competitions remains under the direction of the teacher at all times. Whilst the parent/guardian will be consulted as deemed necessary by the teacher, the parent/guardian agrees to be bound by the authority of the teacher who shall, in their expertise, choose the most effective and suitable course of study. Music may be required for study and this can be ordered by the parent directly, by the teacher or the school, but payment will be passed on to the parent.

Parents/Guardians will be informed of forthcoming solo performances via regular communication. These and any examinations will be prepared for when the teacher judges it beneficial and the pupil also expresses a desire to do so.