

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

**Re: Music Tuition – Academic Year 2018-2019**

We will continue to offer music tuition for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 from September 2018. These lessons will take place during school hours and will be taught to children in small groups. Unfortunately we are unable to offer free tuition to pupils in receipt of free school meals and half fees for a second sibling due to budget constraints. **(Please note: all current children in receipt of free tuition and half fees will be honoured).** The cost to parents will therefore be approximately £240 for the year (subject to uptake). This can be paid on ParentPay either £20 per month or £80 per term. You will also be asked to enter into a yearly contract. It is important that parents understand that they are expected to commit to lessons for the full academic year. Two copies of the contract (one for yourself and one for school) will be sent home for you to read and then sign and return to school.

The Oldham Music Service guarantees **thirty-five lessons per year** and all children receiving tuition in brass, strings and woodwind receive free use of a Music Service instrument if required. Parents collect the instrument from the Oldham Music Centre and agree to accept responsibility for it and to ensure that any instrument valued over £750 is adequately insured. Where the school buys in percussion the Music Service puts the relevant instruments into the school for use by pupils.

Children are expected to practise at home regularly, complete a Home Practice Diary (to be signed by parents), look after their instrument and attend lessons each week. As they progress in playing their instrument they will also be asked to join our orchestra and attend rehearsals / concerts which may be outside normal school time.

If you wish your child to be considered for instrumental tuition please return the attached slip to school as soon as possible before **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May**. To ensure your child is suited to a particular instrument a taster session will take place as soon as possible during this term, after which you will be sent a contract which will need to be returned as soon as possible to reserve your child's place. The Music Centre will then forward details to your home address regarding an induction evening (which will take place before the end of the Summer term) and collection of instruments during the summer holidays.

Thank you.

Mr A J Laskey  
Executive Headteacher

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**EAST CROMPTON ST JAMES' CE SCHOOL**  
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I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ to be considered for music tuition commencing from September 2018.

Please tick the instrument your child is interested in playing –

**STRINGS:**

Violin  Cello  Guitar

**WOODWIND:**

Flute  Clarinet  Saxophone

**BRASS:**

Cornet  Trombone  Tenor Horn

Percussion / Drums

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Carer