



RANBY HOUSE

## Music Tuition Application Form 2021-22

Please return page 1 of this form to the School Office. Page 2 is for your reference.

Pupil's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: (please circle)    N    R    1    2    3    4    5    6

Tuition is requested in the following instrument(s):

Kickstarter

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual / Paired where available (please circle)

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If you wish to opt for Paired lessons and there is no one suitable to pair your child up with, they will be given individual lessons until a suitable partner can be found.

Please use the space below to indicate your child's approximate standard (e.g. Beginner/Pre-Grade/Grade 2). For Kickstarter lessons (Nursery & Reception), if you have a preference for the direction you would like your child to go in (violin, singing, drums, guitar etc), please make a note here and the appropriate teacher will be assigned to your child.

Do you wish to purchase a Music Bag for your child?

YES / NO

*(£6 added to the termly account)*

*If you do not purchase a bag by ticking this box, please ensure that your child brings a suitable small bag to their first lesson*

Do you wish to hire a school instrument if available? (please circle)

YES / NO

*Please note that pianos and drum kits are not available to hire*

Please sign below and return to the school office. By signing, you agree that:

- Your child will have lessons on the basis indicated on the Information Sheet.
- If you hire an instrument from Ranby House, you will take reasonable steps to ensure its safety and security. Reasonable wear and tear is acceptable and instruments will be serviced by the school. Serious damage or loss of instrument must be reported to the Director of Music within 24 hours, and paid for within 2 weeks.
- After the first two terms of tuition, a full term's notice in writing to the Director of Music will be given in order to terminate lessons.

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# MUSIC LESSONS AT RANBY HOUSE – Information Sheet

Lessons are available in the following instruments:

Nursery	Reception	Years 1 and 2	Years 3, 4, 5, 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kickstarter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kickstarter</li> <li>Ministrings (violin)</li> <li>Piano</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Piano</li> <li>Ministrings (violin)</li> <li>Singing</li> <li>Guitar</li> <li>Ukulele</li> <li>Recorder</li> <li>Drum kit</li> <li>jSax (mini saxophone)</li> <li>Clarineo (mini clarinet)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Piano</li> <li>Violin</li> <li>Viola</li> <li>Cello</li> <li>Clarinet</li> <li>Saxophone</li> <li>Cornet/Trumpet</li> <li>Flute (from Spring 2021)</li> <li>Singing</li> <li>Guitar</li> <li>Drum kit</li> <li>Percussion (timpani, xylophone)</li> </ul>

**Taster lessons (Years 3-6):** Book up to 3 FREE taster session on instruments of your choice. Email Miss Massey ([r.massey@wsnl.co.uk](mailto:r.massey@wsnl.co.uk)) to book.

**Kickstarter (Nursery & Reception):** Kickstarter sessions provide a special one-on-one musical experience for your child. A carefully chosen member of our expert musical team will sing songs, embed early years musicianship skills, and bring out the best in each Kickstarter. The sessions have huge holistic benefits for children in terms of confidence, sense of adventure, self-esteem and independence. Taking a little time out of the regular school day provides new experiences for them.

**Ministrings (Reception & Year 1):** A course of violin lessons for children identified as Gifted & Talented.

**Paired Lessons** are available for all instruments except piano and drums. They offer an economical way of getting your child started on an instrument. Paired lessons are dependent on finding an appropriate partner, based on similar ability, age and aptitude.

**Termly Fees from September 2020:** Children receive 33 lessons across the year. Termly rates are below.

One instrument	£183
Second instrument	£170
Third instrument	£161
Kickstarter (short sessions)	£110
Mini-strings	£199 (includes instrument loan: see separate letter if appropriate)
Paired Lessons	£91.50

Termly hire fee (dependent on instrument)      £10 - £40

**Timings:** Lessons are taught during the school day. They operate on a rotation system to reduce the impact on academic learning. Pupils may start music lessons at any time during the year (fees are calculated pro rata). Lesson fees and costs of sheet music/equipment will appear on your termly account. Special arrangements can sometimes be made to fit lessons in first thing in the morning or after the school day. Please note such requests on the application form.

**Absence:** Music teachers will always endeavour to deliver a pupil's lesson and will collect pupils from their classroom if they forget to attend. If lessons are missed due to the teacher's absence or calendared school activities they will be replaced. However, lessons cannot be replaced when the child is absent from school with less than 24 hours' notice.

**Practice:** Little and often is the mantra for beginners. Your child's instrumental teacher will guide you, but generally 5 minutes every day for the first term is appropriate. If possible, find a regular slot in the day that becomes 'practice time' – perhaps just before breakfast, or as soon as you get home from school. Obviously practice sometimes has to fall down the priority list; it's fine if the routine slips now and again, but do try to get back on track as soon as possible.

**Monitoring progress:** Each child will receive a colourful music bag (£6 charge) and a dedicated yearly Practice Book (£2 charge). The teacher will use the diary to write notes on your child's progress. **Please communicate directly with the music teacher through the diary or via email.** In addition, you will receive a written report of your child's progress at the end of the Autumn and Summer Terms. Should you wish to contact your child's teacher during the course of the year, please communicate directly with them. All teachers will provide their email address in the music diary.

**Cancelling lessons:** You are free to end lessons at any time within the first two terms of beginning tuition. In order to cease lessons after that, **a term's notice is required in writing**, addressed to the Director of Music. This must be received no later than the first week of the term before which lessons will cease.