Bridgewater School
WHERE INDIVIDUALS COUNT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to let you know about a change to the way in which our instrumental and vocal music lessons will be administered from **Monday 4 January 2027**, following the Christmas break.

Following a review of our current arrangements and discussions with our visiting peripatetic music teachers, we will be moving to a system whereby the administration and payment of individual music lessons will be managed directly between parents/guardians and the visiting teacher.

What does this mean for existing pupils?

Until the end of the autumn term, arrangements will continue as they are currently. The School will continue to support the organisation of lessons and assist our visiting teachers with following up any outstanding payments during this period.

Before the Christmas holidays, your child's visiting music teacher will contact you directly to confirm the arrangements that will apply from January 2027, including their tuition fees (where these are changing) and payment procedures.

From Monday 4 January 2027, visiting teachers will be responsible for:

- Arranging lesson times directly with parents/guardians.
- Setting and communicating their own tuition fees.
- Invoicing parents/guardians directly.
- Managing their own payment arrangements and following up any outstanding fees.

To enable the teacher to contact you directly to make the necessary arrangements, we would be grateful if you would confirm your consent for the school to share your contact details with the teacher. This will include your name, telephone number and email address.

- Please tick the box below to confirm your consent and return this section to school.

☐ **I consent to Bridgewater School sharing my name, telephone number, and email address with the relevant music teacher for the purpose of arranging and invoicing music lessons from January 2027.**

Name of parent:	
Name of child:	
Dated:	

Information for new pupils and families

Thank you for completing the music request form on our school website. We are delighted that your child would like to take up instrumental or vocal lessons.

Following the October half-term holiday, we will begin allocating lessons and will be in touch with further information about your child's lesson arrangements.

Our **current tuition rates** are as follows:

- £36 per hour
- £18 per half hour
- £12 for a 20-minute lesson

Please note that these rates reflect the current arrangements and may change from January 2027, when responsibility for setting fees and managing payments transfers directly to individual visiting teachers. Your child's teacher will confirm their tuition fees and payment arrangements with you before the new arrangements take effect.

Will there be any change to the teaching?

Most importantly, there will be no change to the music teaching your child receives as a result of these administrative changes. We very much hope that all our pupils will continue to enjoy developing their musical skills and confidence throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support of music at our school and for the important role you play in encouraging your child's musical development. Our visiting peripatetic music teachers make a hugely valuable contribution to the musical life of the school, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with them.

If you have any questions about these changes, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I will be very happy to answer any queries you may have.

Best wishes

Anna Embrey
Director of Music