

## Music Instrument Lessons Update – 13th October

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I just wanted to provide parents/carers an update regarding the current position of instrument lessons.

By the end of this week, all children who signed up for a taster session with Wakefield Music Services, will have had their initial lesson and hopefully have had chance to chat with their adult at home about whether they would like to sign up for lessons, permanently.

Due to the overwhelming demand of interest for music lessons, Wakefield Music Services has had to order new guitars and a drum kit, for example, specifically for NJA to ensure all children can access the correct instruments. As a result of this delay, some children have had the opportunity to take part in more than one taster session and this is why we are only now in a position to begin to finalise the arrangements. Thank you so much for your understanding and patience during this initial planning and organisational phase.

We are currently also finalising the process of how and where parents will make payments to and we are hoping to have this in place by the end of this week.

All children who participated in a taster session will bring home an '*Opportunities in Music*' application form, along with a final letter detailing the costs and how these need to be paid. If you are happy for your child to sign up and proceed, please sign and return to school. Your child will then begin their weekly lessons during school hours.

The cost of the lessons is £69 per term and the first payment will be due once you have returned the form. The second payment will then be due on or before 4th January and the final payment on or before 6th June. Lessons and payments will then continue year on year unless cancelled in writing.

Please note: if payment is not received before the start of each term, your child's lessons will stop as this is a 'pay up front' service.

If your child has now decided they do not wish to continue with the lessons and therefore do not require an 'Opportunities in Music' application form at the end of this week. please email normantonjunioroffice@watertonacademytrust.org to make Mrs Tintor aware and she will remove them from the initial lists.

Children who chose not to sign up at the minute, can join at a later day, throughout the year.

Thank you once again for your continued support during this initial stage but also encouraging your child to have such a wonderful musical opportunity.

Kind regards,

Mr Welsh Headteacher



