

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Violin at Rye Community Primary School for children currently in Years 1, 2, 3 & 4: East Sussex Music

Learning to play the Violin provides children with an experience that enriches their lives in so many ways. Children will learn musical skills that help develop a lifelong love of music and research has shown that there are many other benefits associated with learning to play a musical instrument including:

- raising confidence and self-esteem
- improving teamwork, concentration and many other skills for learning
- connecting with new people and broadening horizons
- improving their well-being by becoming happier and healthier

Lessons will take place either individually or in small groups of 2-4 children at Rye Primary during the school day.

Violins are available in all different sizes, so there will be exactly the correct size to suit your child and East Sussex Music has a large stock of violins, which we lend out for children and young people to take home and bring into school for their weekly Violin lessons.

To hire a Violin costs £25 each term (based on 3 terms a year: Autumn, Spring Summer) or £18.75 if parents/carers are eligible for a 25% discount or £3.75 if eligible for an 85% discount. Lessons cost approximately £10 a lesson, with 25% or 85% discounts available if parents/carers are eligible.

To help you find out more about learning to play the Violin, I am hosting a zoom parent/carer meeting, which takes place on Wednesday 9th March at 5pm via zoom, lasting 30 minutes, when you'll be able to meet me and find out more about what's involved in learning this excellent instrument, the costs and how you may be able to receive support towards lesson fees:

Join Zoom Meeting https://us05web.zoom.us/j/7904547839?pwd=S003MVh1enBKaFBGU3lqQW5ldjRpdz09

Meeting ID: 790 454 7839

Passcode: 6bn1wQ

Or, in case the above is not convenient for you, I am also hosting another zoom parent/carer meeting, which takes place on **Thursday 10th March at 5pm via zoom**:

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If you apply as soon as possible, then I can get the violin organised and your child could start their lessons as from this April.

It would be excellent for you to apply for your child, as the opportunity is from current Year 1 to Year 4. Most children apply for group lessons, which is a fun way to start.

Once I receive applications, I visit the school with all the different size violins to see which size best fits each child.

Should you wish to apply, your application will appear on my waiting list as soon as you apply and I am the visiting teacher each week.

We will send an invoice for the number of lessons offered for the Summer term, once we have scheduled the lessons.

If your child would like to learn the Violin, you can apply for lessons directly via our website: <a href="https://www.eastsussexmusic.org">www.eastsussexmusic.org</a>, where you can also find out details about hiring a violin.

Click on Apply now for Music Lessons

And then Apply Now

And then select Rye Community Primary from the drop down menu, Strings and then Violin It would be excellent to receive your child's application.

If you have any questions please attend one of the Parents/Carers meetings listed above or contact me at olivia.holland@brightondome.org. I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully welcoming you to our music family soon.

Best wishes, Olivia

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