

EVERY CHILD A MUSICIAN

Every child a Musician is a programme where Year 5 and Year 6 children are given the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument for 2 years at Primary school. Many secondary schools now continue these music lessons into year 7 and beyond.

What instrument can your child learn?



Violin



Keyboard

What will your child receive by being part of the programme?

Your child will receive:

- A musical instrument
- Weekly 30 minute lesson within a group of 4 – 6 children throughout the school terms. These lessons will take place in normal school hours.
- Instrument tuition from qualified music tutors.
- Workbooks

Please note that your child will receive all these things completely **free of charge**.

What can you do as a parent to support your child?

It is important that all children taking part in the programme have full parental support to help and encourage them. You can support your child at home by:

- Encouraging your child to practise.

- Listening to your child while they practise and perform.
- Making sure they take good care of their instruments.

What happens if your child's instrument gets broken or is not working properly?

Sometimes, over time and continual use, instruments may get worn or occur faults. If you or your child suspects that their instrument is not working as it should, please bring it into school as soon as possible and let Mr Bhatti be aware so that it can be fixed.

Please so not attempt to fix the instrument yourself.

If, for any reason your child's instrument gets broken or damaged by accident, please bring it into school and let Mr Bhatti know as soon as possible so that it can be fixed. If the instrument's damage has clearly been done by accident there will be no charge for it to be fixed. However, if the damage looks intentional or if your child's instrument is brought back with accidental damage on 2 or more occasions you may be asked into school for a meeting about the care of the instrument and you may even be charged.

What are the benefits of the programme?

Playing a musical instrument can really enhance your child's learning experience at school in many ways. This includes:

- Improving their reading and writing skills.
- Developing their creativity.
- Increasing their concentration and listening skills.
- Helping them to feel more confident.
- And last but not least, enjoy themselves!

Where can I get more information about the programme?

If you would like more information about the programme, please feel free to contact the Every Child a Musician team:

- Email – everychildmusician@newham.gov.uk
- Telephone – 020 3373 1331
- Visit the website – www.newham.gov.uk/everychildmusician