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RIDGEWOOD
SCHOOL

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Dear parent/carer,

Ridgewood Instrumental/Vocal Lessons

We are delighted that your son/daughter will be joining us as a Year 7 student in the new academic year.

At Ridgewood School, we offer an extensive instrumental/vocal training programme that aims to supplement your child's musical education and offers performance opportunities at school functions. We work in partnership with Doncaster Music Service who provide instrumental tuition. Your son/daughter will also have the opportunity to undertake ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal School of Music) or Trinity Guildhall Examinations in their chosen instrument; these examinations are held in high esteem by colleges and universities.

If you would like your son/daughter to have **instrumental/vocal lessons from September 2026**, please complete the online form <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/InstrumentalLessonsNewStarter/> by **22 May 2026**.

If you are unable to complete the online form please '[Contact Us](#)' via the school website. Please ensure you include your son/daughter's name and primary school along with the nature of your enquiry.

Please note that lessons cannot be arranged without completing the online form, and information received after this date will not be accepted. Once we have received your completed form we will send you a confirmation email. Further details regarding the arrangements for instrumental lessons for September 2026 will be sent out later in the academic year.

The lessons that are offered, at a subsidised cost by Ridgewood School, are:

- **Option A: £157.00** for the academic year which involves a **shared** lesson each week (advisable for new starters)
- **Option B: £300.00** for the academic year which involves a 15-minute **individual** lesson each week (advisable for new starters or students who are grade 3 and under)

If your son/daughter is allocated a place, payment will be required and can be made via ParentPay, which will be available after September 2026. All payments must be made at the start of the term to secure your place. Any payments not received will result in your child being withdrawn from their music lessons. **All places are allocated on a first come first served basis.**

If you would like your son/daughter to start lessons but your current financial situation is a barrier, please indicate this information on the online form. The school and music service are always willing to try and support students and will take individual circumstances into consideration.

Instrumental lessons are purchased from the Music Service by the school in advance for the coming academic year. By completing the form, you are agreeing to pay the costs for the duration of the academic year. **If your son/daughter wishes to cancel their lessons after they have been allocated, you will still be required to pay the costs for the full academic year, unless another student is on the waiting list. This aspect forms part of the contract, which is attached to this letter and should be a consideration when confirming a request for music provision.**



'Prepare for the road ahead'

Excellence

Integrity

Teamwork

Enjoyment

The peripatetic music provision at Ridgewood School is excellent and we hope that your son/daughter will enjoy their music lessons.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs C Moran - Head of Music, via the 'Contact Us' button through the school website.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Moran', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Moran
Head of Music

Contract for Instrumental Lessons – Ridgewood School

The school agrees to provide your son/daughter with music lessons at the agreed cost for the academic year 2026/2027

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This agreement creates an obligation between you and the school for a minimum period of one year subject to the terms set out below.

1. Students must be punctual to their music lessons.
2. Lessons may be in small groups or on an individual basis based on payment by parents/carers. There will be no more than 4 students in any group/shared lesson except where circumstances arise that are beyond our control.
3. All students receiving music tuition in school will at some stage be expected to participate in our extensive enrichment programme of activities on offer related to that tuition, such as concerts and other performances.
4. Students normally receive approximately 35 lessons per year, although the number of lessons per term may vary.
5. Lessons are normally provided in school time.
6. The fees must be paid by the September 2026. Any student who joins through the year will have a reduced pro-rated fee and this must be paid within 10 days to secure the place.
7. If payments are not made by the due dates then lessons may have to be terminated and offered to other students.
8. Any lesson missed by the student will not be reimbursed unless otherwise agreed with the Head of Performing Arts. Students are expected to give adequate notice of absence to the Head of Performing Arts and the teacher concerned. If possible, lesson times will be adjusted but this is not guaranteed.
9. If a student continually misses a lesson (3 consecutive lessons), their place may be reallocated to another student and a refund of fees paid will not be given.
10. If a teacher is absent the lesson will either be covered by another teacher or will be carried forward to a later date in the term where possible.
11. If a student wishes to terminate their lessons during the year, their parent/carer remains liable for the costs for the remainder of the academic year unless the Head of Performing Arts can fill their place with another student.
12. In the event of school closure due to circumstances beyond our control, missed lessons cannot be rearranged.
13. It will be the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that there is adequate insurance cover for the instrument, including transporting it to and from school.
14. Any damage to/theft of a school instrument must be reported to the Music Department immediately. Any repairs needed to the school instrument need to be verified with the Music Department.
15. Any instrument on loan from the Music Support Scheme is subject to separate terms and conditions laid down by the Music Support Service.
16. As the school subsidises instrumental lessons, it is anticipated that every student attends an enrichment activity suited to the instrumental tuition. Many students from the new academic year, will be sent a personal invitation to attend an enrichment activity and we hope you will support us with the choice. The daily enrichment programmes are tailored to suit all students' needs, including style, interest and ability and we expect your son/daughter to attend weekly to their chosen programme(s) and work to the best of their ability. These include Rise in Pitch (vocal group), our mixed instrumental ensemble and Rock School. These take place after school from 3.00pm until 4.00pm.