

FEES FOR INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

Instrumental Music tuition is highly subsidised by Aberdeen City Council. The council therefore has a policy of charging parents a small fee each term. There are circumstances where pupils are entitled to free tuition, and these are detailed below.

If tuition changes from group to individual mid-term, fees will be increased at the start of the following term.

Sibling Discount

For families where several children are receiving music tuition, the first child is charged at the full rate and subsequent children receive a 50% discount on their first instrument only and are charged in full for any subsequent instrument.

Free Music Tuition

Parents can claim free music tuition for their children if they are registered for Free School Meals or if their child is learning SQA National 5 Music, Higher or Advanced Higher Music.

Missing Lessons

While every effort will be made to make up missed lessons (due to eventualities such as schools trips, exams etc.) this cannot always be guaranteed.

Stopping Lessons

Lessons can only be stopped at the end of a term. We ask that at least TWO WEEKS notice is given before the end of term. To stop receiving music lessons, the parent / carer of the student enrolled with the Music Service should complete the online cessation of lessons form which is available on Aberdeen City Council's website. If lessons are cancelled after payment for lessons has been made, the lessons will continue for the remainder of the term and terminate the following term.

Frequency of lessons

Weekly lessons are normally provided. Exceptions include school holidays, INSET days and severe weather closures. We will deliver a minimum of 32 lessons per school year.

Change of circumstances

Please notify the Music Service of any changes in circumstances immediately, including change of address. Schools do not notify the Music Service of this information.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION

1. Aberdeen City Council makes provision, in suitable circumstances and at appropriate stages, for instruction in the playing of certain instruments within school hours. A limited number of instruments are available on loan.
2. A charge is made for tuition, to be paid prior to the beginning of each term. Should this not be paid, instrumental lessons will cease.
3. Parents should support pupils when practicing and should encourage regular practice in a suitable environment.
4. Parents wishing their child to discontinue lessons should complete the Music Service – Cease online form two weeks prior to the end of term.
5. All pupils purchase their own instruction books, music and accessories eg. replacement strings/reeds.
6. When pupils transfer to another school, every effort will be made to maintain continuity of tuition but this cannot be guaranteed.
7. Generally group tuition will be given; individual tuition be considered in certain circumstances.
8. Parents should encourage children to attend the appropriate Music Centre Ensemble. Details can be obtained for the office or the Music Instructor.
9. Aberdeen City Council reserves the right to amend the rules in according with changing conditions.