



Start The Music Application Form – February 2019

What is *Start the Music*?

Start the Music is a new project, which is part of St Aidan's Music Association (*Registered charity number: 1033783*). The project aims to encourage more students to take up a musical instrument. To do this we plan to provide a FREE instrument (on loan and subject to availability) and a full year's worth of lessons at school, with a fully qualified teacher, for up to six students in 2019.

Who is eligible to apply?

There are two categories of application that will be open to:

1. Any student in years 7 to 9 at St Aidan's CE School who does NOT currently play an instrument, or have any previous music experience. *[NB – priority will be given to this category. Any instrument that can be played in a group will be considered. This includes singing, but not piano].*
2. Any student in years 7 to 10 at St Aidan's who is currently playing one instrument, but would be interested in playing a second instrument from the following list (viola, double bass, bassoon, French horn, oboe, bass guitar).

How to apply/Application process

To apply for funding to this scheme, all students and their parent or guardian must complete the application below. Applications open on Wednesday 20th February and must be returned no later than **Friday 8th March 2019**.

Applications should be handed in to school reception in an envelope marked for Mrs Vicki Elliott, Music Department (Start the Music)

All applications will be considered by the *Start The Music* team, a group of parents and music teachers from St Aidan's Music Association. A decision on the applications will be made by the end of the Spring term (12th April 2019).

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Part One: To be completed by the Student

Student Name		Form	
Do you currently, or have you in the last five years, ever played a musical instrument?			Yes / No
If yes, please tell us what instrument you played and for how long you played it?			
Please tell us in a few sentences why you are interested in playing an instrument?			
To get the most out of playing an instrument, it is necessary to practice regularly so you can progress. If you are accepted on to our scheme, would you be prepared to commit to a minimum of 20 mins practice, 4 days every week?			Yes / No
Can you give an example of a situation or another project where you have shown commitment and perseverance?			
Which instrument would you like to play? <i>[If no previous music experience, all group instruments, i.e. not piano, will be considered. Singing is also included.]</i>			
First Choice			
Second Choice			
Any reasons for your choices?			
Is there any other information you would like to give in support of your application?			

Part Two: To be completed by the Parent/Guardian

If we accept your child on to our scheme, the cost of lessons for a full year (three terms) will be provided. These will be individual lessons of 20 minutes each, provided by a fully qualified music teacher, who will teach your child during the school day. This means your child might miss part of another lesson at school.

As part of this scheme, we will also provide your child with an instrument free of charge for the duration of the scheme and sheet music where possible. We would ask that you ensure the instrument is looked after at all times and for it to be returned in the same condition in which it was issued. Please be aware you will be responsible for the cost of any transportation to/from school for lessons and for insuring the instrument. This is usually covered by household insurance but please do check this with your own insurer.

Parent/Guardian Name		Contact Phone No	
Parent/Guardian Email address			
Do you consent to the above and are you able to support your child's application in taking up a new instrument?			
Yes/No			
Would you be happy for your child to be included in publicity to promote the Start the Music scheme?			
Yes/No			
Signed:			

Office use only

Date form handed in:.....