



Application Form – 2020

What is *Start the Music*?

Start the Music was set up in 2019 and is a project within St Aidan's Music Association (*Reg. charity number: 1033783*).

The scheme has two aims:

1. To enable more young people to start a musical instrument
2. To enable more young people to learn an additional instrument, from an “endangered species” list

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 c. 6 students in 2020.

Who is eligible to apply?

There are two categories of application that are available, with the following criteria:

Category 1 – *For those with no previous formal music experience*

Applies to:

- Students currently in years 7 to 9.
- Those with no previous formal music experience will be given priority. However those with limited musical experience will also be considered (e.g. lessons on any instrument for less than a year)
- Students wanting to play any orchestral or ensemble instrument, with the exception of piano, percussion or drums. (NB. Singing is included)
- NB – For this category, priority will be given to any student who has joined or takes part in music related choirs or groups at school or home (which don't require experience). Details of school groups can be obtained from any of the music teachers at St Aidan's.

Category 2 – *For those with music experience to Grade 5 standard or Grade 3 piano*

Applies to:

- Students currently in years 7 to 10.
- Those who currently play any instrument to grade 5 standard or above or grade 3 standard piano (inc voice).
- Those who are keen to play a second instrument from the following list: viola, double bass, oboe, bassoon, French horn, bass guitar, Tuba.

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 **14th February** and must be returned no later than **28th February 2020**.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

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 before the end of the Spring term.

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Category 1

Student Name	Form
Have you ever had any formal music lessons? Yes/No When? _____ If yes, what standard have you achieved? Grade _____ Board _____	
What instrument are you interested in learning to play? First choice: Second choice: Why are you interested in playing these instruments?	
Do you currently participate in a music group at school or at home? Yes/No If yes, please give details: Name of group, how long you have participated, your role in the group etc. (If it was at primary school please give details of group, how long, your role)	
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	
Please give an example of a situation or another project where you have shown commitment and perseverance?	

Category 2

Student Name	Form
<p>What instrument(s) do you currently play?</p> <p>What standard have you achieved? Grade _____ Board _____ Date _____ (you may be required to show your certificate)</p>	
<p>What instrument are you interested in learning to play?</p> <p>Viola Double Bass Oboe Bassoon French horn Bass guitar Tuba</p> <p>Why are you interested in playing this instrument?</p>	
<p>Do you currently participate in a music group at school or at home? Yes/No</p> <p>If yes, please give details (name of group, how long you have participated, your role in the group etc. Feedback will be sought from the ensemble lead)</p>	
<p>How do you propose to ensure you have enough time to practice an additional instrument?</p>	

Part Two: To be completed by the Parent/Guardian

If we accept your child on to our scheme, the cost of lessons for one full year (three terms) will be provided. These will be individual lessons of 20 minutes each (unless stated otherwise), 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 at the end of the scheme.

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:			

Privacy Statement:

Please note that the data given on this form will be kept in a secure, home environment by a member of the Start the Music team. Start the Music is run by volunteer parents who are trustees of the St Aidan's Music Association charity. Data will be kept in print format only and will only be seen by members of the Start the Music, staff at St Aidan's CE High School, staff at North Yorkshire County Music Service and professional music teachers. At no point will any data be shared with any other third party without prior consent. Further information about how data is stored may be obtained from the Chair of the Music Association.

Office use only

Date form handed in:

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