

Music, like language, is a fundamental part of human existence and of the societies in which we live. **The opportunity to learn to play an instrument enables children to participate in an activity which many will find to be one of the most formative experiences they have as they grow up**, developing an interest and a skill which opens up so many possibilities now and in later life. A bonus is that involvement in music has been shown to have a positive effect on other aspects of development—social skills, language, physical coordination and emotional development.

[Click here to watch a short video!](#)



### Why Choose Music for Life?

**Music for Life offers children something special.** We work in partnership with over 100 music tutors who visit 130 schools teaching 4,000 children each week from complete beginners to some of the most accomplished young musicians in the UK. Two national independent reviews of school music services rated Music for Life an “**outstandingly effective service**” offering parents and schools “**outstanding value**”.

**Instrumental lessons take place during the school day**, convenient for parents and meaning students become part of a wider community of young musicians in school, avoiding the isolation that can be felt when learning at home. **Thousands of students take part in our extra curricular activities**—workshop days, concerts and groups, with many taking Associated Board exams. All tutors are DBS checked, and to work with Music for Life, tutors must be first class musicians and are required to meet professional performance standards.



### Instruments Offered

Lessons may be available on **guitar, piano, keyboard and violin** (usually suitable for Year 2 or above) **cello, clarinet, saxophone, flute, cornet, trombone, trumpet and euphonium** (usually suitable for Year 4 or above) **bass guitar, drums and singing** (usually only available at secondary school). If we are unable to provide lessons on your first choice, we will contact you with the possibility of offering lessons on a second choice if you specify one. [Click here](#) for videos on a selection of instruments that are currently taught in school!



### Course Fees

Specialist teaching of a musical instrument falls outside the National Curriculum, so there is a charge for lessons. This varies as some schools provide a subsidy, but up to date details of course fees for your school appear on our booking form [here](#). Music for Life offers the facility to set up a monthly subscription which makes paying for music lessons so much easier! Support with fees may be available, so please get in touch with your school for details if you are in receipt of Income Support.

### Book Lessons

Lessons can be **booked online** at [www.musicforlife.org.uk](http://www.musicforlife.org.uk) where you will find much more information and a simple online booking form where you can make payment in full or set up a monthly subscription via our secure booking portal. The course length will be set automatically according to the time of year you book and how many lessons we would expect to provide during the remainder of the school year, but **all new courses are only committed to the 12 week “taster” period**. After that, you may choose to try another instrument, cancel remaining lessons, or join the 95% of children who decide to continue with their course! Alternatively, please email [admin@musicforlife.org.uk](mailto:admin@musicforlife.org.uk) and we will get back to you.



Recently, we have had great success in lessons online through Skype. If lessons are not possible in school or you would like some information regarding Skype lessons, please get in touch with us at [admin@musicforlife.org.uk](mailto:admin@musicforlife.org.uk) or select the option of online lessons on the booking portal.

*“We have been extremely pleased with the service you have provided over the past 9 years. Your admin has been excellent and you have always been helpful and polite.”*

*“May I take this opportunity to say how very happy and impressed we are with the level of care and motivational input given to young musicians by ALL of your staff”*

*“A big ‘THANK YOU!’ to Music for Life for the wonderful service and great teaching for quite a number of years!”*



[CLICK HERE to go directly to our booking page](#)



### Deadlines for course bookings are as follows:

**End of July** to start in September, although later bookings will be accommodated wherever possible.

**20th October** to start after October half term

**21st December** to start in January

**31st March** to start after Easter

**Please note, we are able to accommodate almost all requests received before the end of July for a September start, after this, teachers may get booked up and new places can become more limited.**