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## Music Lessons With Mary

Welcome to piano lessons!

Please will you provide a notebook and an A4 ring binder for your child to bring to lessons. Please look in the notebook after each lesson, so that you can guide your child in their practice, and I might write messages for you too! Try to set aside some regular time each day for practice. About 15 minutes a day are ideal once a few pieces are being learned, and a regular 5 - 10 minutes are better than the occasional 30 minutes. Please try to have some input when your child practices, to keep them focussed on the things I have asked them to work on; I will often ask your child to work on details, rather than simply playing a piece through from beginning to end. I prefer pupils to remove their outdoor shoes, and to wear socks or slippers for lessons.

I am regularly DBS checked and am a full professional member of EPTA (UK) – The European Piano teachers' Association. This is a regulatory body and only qualified and DBS checked teachers are entitled to full professional membership. I am also a member of the Curious Piano Teachers – a professional development organisation for piano teachers.

Lessons occur during Lincolnshire school term times and are currently priced as follows:

Weekly 20 minute lessons for beginners: £9.50 per lesson / £31 pcm

Weekly 30 minute lessons: £47 pcm

Weekly 40 minute lessons: £62 pcm

Weekly 60 minute lessons: £93 pcm

Weekly group Music Theory Lessons: £24 pcm (£7.50 per week)

1:1 Music Theory lessons £30 per hour

Payment is due on the first of each month (Including August!) by standing order or regular direct payment. New families are welcome to pay weekly for the first month.

The monthly charge is calculated as follows:

(Weekly amount X 40) ÷ 12

I will teach 39 lessons per year (during school term times). The additional lesson charge is an admin fee charged to cover preparation, marking, Professional Development etc. The weekly charge is slightly less when paid monthly (e.g. 20 minute lessons work out at £9.30 per lesson but cost £9.50 when charged weekly).

If, for any reason, I have to cancel a lesson, I will arrange an alternative lesson time with you (often during the school holidays or at a weekend). I do try to be reasonable and flexible if your child has to miss a lesson due to illness but I am unable to offer catch up lessons for holidays etc. I am unable to give refunds.

MyMusicStaff is a web application that I use to keep the information you give on the form accompanying this letter. I can also make music and other documents available to you and your child for download. It also enables me to send emails and keep a record of music and resources that I have lent to your child. If your child would like to, he/she can keep a practice log on MyMusicStaff.

I run a FaceBook group called 'Music Lessons with Mary' – do please join it to keep in touch with me and with other parents. My website is [www.musiclessonswithmary.co.uk](http://www.musiclessonswithmary.co.uk)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if you need help to understand what your child should be practising!

I hope that learning the piano will be a happy and enjoyable experience for your child and for you!

With best wishes,

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

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