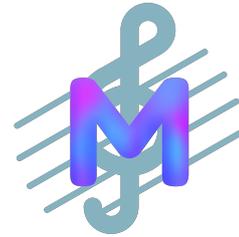


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Music Lessons With Mary

Welcome to piano lessons!

This letter may look a bit long and scary but please rest assured that piano lessons are friendly and fun and I can't wait to accompany you and your child on their piano playing journey!

Please will you provide a notebook for your child to bring to lessons (special Music Lessons With Mary notebooks are available for £6, but any notebook is fine).

If possible, one parent or carer of primary school-aged children should attend lessons with their child(ren). This is so that you are fully aware of what they are learning and the style of teaching etc..

I'm unable to offer lessons to those who don't have a suitable instrument to play and practise on at home as your child will become frustrated and lose interest quickly if they don't have one. I am happy to advise about what you might buy, rent or borrow. Acoustic pianos have 88 full sized, touch sensitive, weighted keys and pedals, and an electric piano will need the same (small electric keyboards are not adequate but plenty of suitable electric pianos are available). If you are unable to have a piano at home, it's worth asking at school if your child can practise there. Some students are fortunate to have friends or relatives close by who are able to provide a piano and some time for practice.

Try to set aside a regular time for practice each day. At first, 15 minutes a day are fine. This will increase once longer, more involved pieces are being learned; be guided by the content of the practice rather than the clock. Young children will need your support, help and encouragement as they practice - please be aware of this commitment. I will often ask your child to work on details or parts of pieces rather than simply playing pieces through from beginning to end.

Please arrive at your lesson on time (not early or late!). I prefer students to remove outdoor shoes and to wear slippers or socks for their lessons.

I 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 membership. I am also a member of the Curious Piano Teachers - a professional development organisation.

Lessons occur during Lincolnshire school term times and are currently priced as follows (from January 2022):

Weekly 20 minute lessons for beginners: £11 per lesson / £37 pcm
Weekly 30 minute lessons: £16.50 per lesson / £55 pcm
Weekly 40 minute lessons: £22 per lesson / £73 pcm
Weekly 45 minute lessons: £24.75 per lesson / £82.50 pcm
Weekly 60 minute lessons £33 per lesson / £110 pcm
Weekly group music theory lessons: variable depending on group size
1:1 Music Theory lessons £33 per hour
Additional lessons in school holidays £16.50 per half hour

Payment is due on the first of every month (including August, because I divide the total cost of a year's lessons by 12) by standing order.

New families are welcome to pay weekly for the first month.

I can take card payments for weekly lessons or music books etc for a small additional charge.

If, for any reason, I have to cancel a lesson, I will arrange an alternative lesson time with you (often during school holidays or 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.

Online lessons by Zoom or Skype are available if your child is well but unable to attend 'in person' for any reason.

MyMusicStaff is a web application that I use to keep the names and contact information you give on the form accompanying this letter. I can also use it to make music and other documents available to you and it enables me to send emails and invoices (though I don't send invoices for the routine monthly or weekly payments unless these are specially requested).

I run a FaceBook group called 'Music Lessons With Mary' - please join it to keep in touch with latest news and other parents. My website is www.musiclessonswithmary.co.uk

I have for sale the following items (available to view on the website or at your child's lesson):

Music Lessons With Mary music folder: £2

Music Lessons With Mary lesson notebook: £6

Music Lessons With Mary music bag: £12

You will be required to sign to say that you have read, and agree to, the information and terms contained in this letter on the form accompanying this letter so please ensure you have read it carefully!

Happy music making!

Mary