



# music for life.

**Inspiring Music offers high quality, reliable music tuition to schools, parents and the wider community across Central Bedfordshire.**

Give your child the opportunity to develop a lifelong talent and interest by taking up our music lessons in schools.

As well as being **GREAT FUN**, research shows that learning a musical instrument supports children in lots of ways.

- **Speech**
- **Social skills**
- **Numeracy**
- **Self-confidence**
- **Literacy**
- **Self-expression**

## **About playing the violin and viola**

They are both instruments of the string family. They are both played with a bow, but can also be plucked. The violin is the most popular instrument to learn. The 1st violinist is the leader of the orchestra. The viola is a bigger and deeper version of the violin with a warm tone. Both instruments are usually learnt from Year 3 onwards.



## **Where and when lessons take place**

Most lessons take place during the school day in school and last 20 - 30 minutes depending on the size of the group.

## **Do I have to provide an instrument?**

We can usually provide violins and violas **FREE OF CHARGE** for at least the first two years of learning. But if your child has their own instrument we are happy to teach them on that from the outset.

If you want to buy an instrument for your child, Inspiring Music offers an Assisted Instrument Purchase scheme. You can ask your child's music teacher about this or find out more on our website.

## **How much does it cost?**

The cost of an instrumental group lesson to students in Central Bedfordshire schools is:

**£88.60** per term for a group lesson (if paid by Direct Debit) or **£92.30** per term for all other payment methods.

## **Price concessions**

If your child receives school meals you may qualify for a reduction of up to 50 per cent on your music tuition invoices. To find out more and how to apply visit the Inspiring Music website.

If you are fostering or looking after a child who is in local authority care, they will be entitled to free lessons in school and the free loan of a musical instrument.

learn to *play!*

## **Wider music opportunities**

One of the best reasons to play an instrument is for the chance to play with others. And anyone playing the violin or viola can go on to take part in a host of school-based and community activities.

Look on our website, [www.inspiringmusic.co.uk](http://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk) for details of Music Centres, master classes, instrumental days as well as groups, bands and orchestras run by Inspiring Music, schools and other local organisations.

**WWW:  
inspiring  
music  
.co.uk**

Please return this form to your school if you would like your child to meet the visiting upper strings teacher and try out the instrument to see if they like it and it suits them. There's no commitment at this stage, just the chance for your child to have a go.

## To be completed by the Parent/Carer:

Child's Name:	<input type="text"/>
Child's School:	<input type="text"/>
	Year Group: <input type="text"/>
Contact Home Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>
Mobile Number:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
I am interested in my child starting lessons on:	
Violin or the Viola	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signed:	<input type="text"/>
	(Parent/Carer)
Print Name:	<input type="text"/>
	(Parent/Carer)

For further details please contact  
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or the viola

