

**Stirling Council  
Children, Young People and Education**

**Instrumental Music Tuition Scheme**

**2016-17 Information  
and Application Form**

**Please return by 29 June 2016**





## Instrumental Music Tuition Scheme

In addition to the benefits of expressive arts education within Curriculum for Excellence, you may apply for your son or daughter to receive specialist instrumental tuition.

Tuition is limited to one instrument per pupil. In exceptional circumstances, SQA Music pupils may be able to learn a second instrument, but only if there are no other pupils requiring the space.

For further information, please contact [musictuition@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:musictuition@stirling.gov.uk)

The advantages of the scheme include:

- Professional and highly skilled teaching staff
- Opportunities to play in an ensemble, band, orchestra or choir
- Regular public performances
- Opportunity to prepare for the grade examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music and similar external awarding bodies
- An instrument loan scheme
- A written report of your child's performance, progress and prospects with his or her instrument/voice

A number of places and instruments are available each year on the Instrumental Music Tuition Scheme. Applications can be made in the summer term for the new session and must be returned by Wednesday 29 June.

### **Fees for 2016 - 2017 tuition (three times per school year) are:-**

£252 per year - £84 per term for group lessons

£189 per year - £63 per term for families in receipt of housing benefit, council tax reduction/benefit or education maintenance allowance

£66 per year - £22 per term for families in receipt of free school meals/clothing grant

Stirling Council offers a minimum of 30 lessons per year.

**NB:** Pupils undertaking SQA courses will be entitled to free tuition from S4 upwards

Exam timetabling will impact on the number of lessons offered to SQA pupils.

### **What is expected of my child?**

- To attend lessons and practise regularly
- To show a reasonable aptitude for the instrument
- To join one or more of Stirling Council ensembles
- To take part in School extra-curricular activities on their instrument/voice
- To represent their school and the Council by performing in public

**Tuition is currently available for the following instruments:**

<b>Brass</b>	Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Tenor Horn, Cornet, Baritone
<b>Woodwind</b>	Oboe, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Bassoon
<b>Strings</b>	Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass (from S1)
<b>Other</b>	Bagpipes, Voice, Timpani and Percussion, Guitar, Piano, Keyboard

**Please note Tuition is normally available from the year groups set out below:**

Strings	from	P4	Piano & Keyboard	from	P6
Piping	from	P4	Guitar	from	P6
Woodwind	from	P6	Timpani & Percussion	from	S1
Brass	from	P5	Voice	from	S2

**How does my child get a place on the Instrumental Music Tuition Scheme?**

1. Complete the application form on Pages 5 and 6 and send it by 29 June to:  
Stirling Council, Children, Young People and Education, Municipal Buildings,  
8-10 Corn Exchange Road, Stirling, FK8 2HU.
2. At the start of the new session all new applicants are interviewed. Existing pupils, available spaces and timetables are reviewed and tutors allocate spaces.
3. Unsuccessful applicants will remain on the reserve list for the remainder of the academic year as spaces can become available at any time during the year.
4. There are other Stirling Council music schemes out with school and this information is given to unsuccessful applicants.
5. Continuing pupils complete an annual update form to assist with correct invoicing.
6. Any further queries should be directed to [musictuition@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:musictuition@stirling.gov.uk)



# Instrumental Music Tuition Application Form      Session 2016 - 2017

Date of Application		School (Aug 2016)	
Date of Birth		Year Group August 2016	

Pupil Forename			Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil Surname			
Address			
Town			
Postcode			
Parent/Carer	Full name		
	Telephone number		
Email address For use in connection with music tuition only			

What instrument would you like to learn? (see page 4)	_____		
Have you ever received tuition in this instrument before?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If tuition is <b>not</b> available in the instrument of your choice, which other instrument are you interested in learning?	_____		
Have you applied for music tuition before?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

### Costs (three invoices per school year)

<input type="checkbox"/> Group Tuition £84	<input type="checkbox"/> Scottish Qualification Authority Certificate courses and units (no charge from s4 upwards)
<b>I wish to apply for a reduction in fees, £63 for families entitled to reduced payments, as I am in receipt of (tick as appropriate).</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Benefit	<input type="checkbox"/> Council Tax Reduction/Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Education Maintenance Allowance
<b>I wish to apply for a reduction in fees, £22 for families entitled to reduced payments, as I am in receipt of (tick as appropriate).</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Free School Meals	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing Grant
<b><i>(The information given will be treated in the strictest confidence.)</i></b>	
If you are applying for one of these reduced rates, please sign below to confirm you permit the Council to use the information supplied in your application to confirm your eligibility for the reduced fee.	
Signed _____	Parent/Carer

**I agree to pay the relevant fee once lessons commence.**

Invoices will be sent **directly from Stirling Council** each term, (3 times per school year).  
Parents may opt to pay the invoice in instalments and should call the number on the first invoice as soon as possible after they receive it, to arrange this. Two or three instalments must be made before the second invoice is due.

Please email any change of address to [musictuition@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:musictuition@stirling.gov.uk)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer

Please return this form **before 29 June to:**

**Stirling Council, Children, Young People and Education, Municipal Buildings,  
8-10 Corn Exchange Road, Stirling, FK8 2HU**

Late returns will be kept on the reserve list for the remainder of the academic year.

**Recommendation by Instrumental Tutor(s)**

**First Choice Instrument**                      **Date of First Lesson** \_\_\_\_\_

- The pupil should be offered a place on the Stirling Council Music Tuition Scheme.
- The pupil may remain on the Registration of Interest list for this session, subject to a place becoming available.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Instrumental Tutor**

**Second Choice Instrument**                      **Date of First Lesson** \_\_\_\_\_

- The pupil should be offered a place on the Stirling Council Music Tuition Scheme.
- The pupil may remain on the Registration of Interest list for this session, subject to a place becoming available.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Instrumental Tutor**

<b>For completion by office staff only</b>			
Application logged & acknowledged	<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed:	Date:
Outcome logged	<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed:	Date:
Outcome letter sent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed:	Date:
Entered on database	<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed:	Date: