

## GORSEMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

### A POLICY ON CHARGING AND EXEMPTIONS FOR INSTRUMENTAL TUITION:

(This Policy is written in accordance with the provisions of the Education Reform Act 1988 (Sections 109-111) and DES Circular 2/89.)

The Governors of our school have decided to make nominal charges for instrumental tuition. This decision was reached for several reasons: all of which are beneficial to the children in our school. We believe that by charging we can: -

- (a) Offer tuition to more children.
- (b) Instil within the children a sense of responsibility, purpose and perseverance.
- (c) Provide specialist musical tuition within school for all children and enable them to experience a greater range of musical activities.

### CHARGES

Charges for instrumental tuition in the academic year 2016/2017 are as follows: -

#### Payment to the Authority

1. Charges for hire of instruments are as per details given to your child by the Peripatetic Music Teacher.

#### Payment to School -

All lessons - £90 per year (£30 per term) to assist with the cost of providing musical tuition. A second instrument, or other child(ren) in the family receiving tuition, will be charged at a 50% reduction.

These charges do not cover the cost of replacement strings or reeds which may be purchased through the music teacher at a minimal charge.

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If lessons are provided by the County, payment is normally due in advance this year  
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**Friday, 25th November 2016 (Autumn Term)**

**Friday, 17th March 2016 (Spring Term)**

**Friday, 16th June 2016 (Summer Term)**

Please be prompt with your payments. Cheques should be made payable to 'Staffordshire County Council' with your cheque card number on the reverse.

### EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions from charges may be available in the following circumstances: -

1. When a pupil is in receipt of free school meals.
2. When the above does not apply, but where a convincing appeal is made directly to the Headteacher.
3. When other circumstances preclude the child from receiving tuition due to financial constraints.

Exemptions from charges may consist of part of all the fees and any requests for exemptions will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

In return for your contribution towards the cost of instrumental tuition, provision will be as follows: -

1. Tuition in groups of not more than six pupils.
2. Tuition in fifteen/twenty minute periods.
3. Thirty-six (County lessons), thirty-two (School lessons) tuition periods in any one academic year will be provided.
4. Each child will receive an annual written report of progress and you will have the opportunity to consult with his/her tutor.

If a child misses lessons for reasons beyond the school's control (e.g. illness, holidays) there can be no reimbursement or carry over fees.