

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Why hire an instrument

Hiring an instrument is designed to let beginners try out their chosen instrument before their parents/carers buy one. Having an instrument at home to practise on is crucial to the development of the pupil.

## Instruments available

**Instrument hire is NOT available for: piano, keyboard, ukulele, recorder, guitar, saxophone or drum kit**

We have a limited number of instruments and availability of an instrument cannot be guaranteed.

## Cost of Hire (at September 2023)

**£32** per term  
**£9.60** First term / part term  
**£9.60** per term for pupils on Free School Meals  
**Free** Looked after children

## Buying an Instrument

Progress and success is greatest when pupils own their own instrument.

Instruments are normally hired for 1 year after which parents usually buy an instrument.

CMA runs an Instrument Assisted Purchase Scheme (IAPS) to help parents buy an instrument free of VAT. Retailers often have a range of hire to buy schemes. Contact your child's teacher for advice on make, model and size of the instrument.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The instrument....

- is only to be used by your child. It must always be used with care and replaced in its case when not in use. Mouthpieces must always be removed and bows loosened.
- must always be carried in a case where provided.
- when not required at school, must be kept at home and stored in a safe place.
- must be kept away from heat and damp and must be maintained in good playing condition. Parents / carers and pupils must take every care to ensure that the instrument is not lost or damaged.
- must be returned when lessons stop to the Croydon Music and Arts Office NOT the school.
- if the instrument is not returned to us, we will send three reminders. If we do not receive a response, the case will be passed on to our debt recovery team. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact us at the earliest opportunity to arrange a further agreement.
- should only be repaired by specialist firms recommended by CMA. All damage or losses must be reported immediately to the Instrumental Teacher or CMA.
- must be insured on an 'All Risks' basis for its replacement value to include away from home. If the instrument is lost or damaged you will be liable for the cost of repairs or replacement.

Parents/Carers must provide strings, reeds and other accessories.

A copy of the conditions of hire, with details of the instrument and its replacement value, will be provided for parents/carers on collection of the instrument.

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