



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Mr T Spencer, BSc

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Dear Parent/Carer

Music Lessons

I would like to draw your attention to the availability of instrumental music lessons at Fearnhill. If a student already has peripatetic lessons at primary school, they can continue these (please note on the form below who their current teacher is) or if they would like to begin to learn an instrument, now is a great time to start. These take place during normal teaching hours, therefore students will miss portions of regular curriculum lessons or break time in order to attend instrumental lessons. Lesson times will be varied and timetabled on a rotational basis to ensure your child does not miss the same lessons each week.

Currently, the following instruments can be taught at Fearnhill:

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| Piano | Electric keyboard | Violin | French horn | Clarinet | Saxophone |
| Trumpet | Tenor horn | Flute | Trombone | Electric Guitar | Classical guitar |
| Voice | Bass guitar | Drum kit | | | |

There is a small selection of school instruments available for loan to students, if you would like more details, please contact the Music department.

There is a termly charge for 11 lessons and music fee invoices are sent out at the start of each term. Current charges are as follows:

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| 20 minute individual lesson | £16.64 per lesson |
| 30 minute individual lesson | £24.96 per lesson |
| 30 minute small group (3-6) | £8.32 per lesson |

How to apply

If you would like to sign your child up for lessons, you will need to do so by following the link [here](#) and searching for Fearnhill under 'Lessons in schools'. Billing is done directly through Hertfordshire Music Service on a termly basis. Please see the guide sheet attached on how to apply for lessons.

If you are in receipt of income support or family tax credits then you may be eligible for help with music fees. Financial support is given by the remission of fees and is available at two levels: Level 1 for Free School Meal students and Level 2 for other qualifying benefits. Please check your eligibility and apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals (scroll down to Year 3 and above eligibility) or call Hertfordshire County Council's Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4048. Remission will need to be applied for and lessons approved by the Music Service before tuition can begin. Remission of fees, if agreed, needs to be reapplied for in June/July each year for the next academic year. It is important to note that attendance and progression is monitored for all students in receipt of financial assistance and the benefit will be withdrawn if there is unexplained poor attendance or commitment. If the benefit is withdrawn you may be charged for these lessons. For full details of the financial support scheme go to www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/remission. For any further assistance please contact the school Finance Office on 01462 621200.

If at any point your child wishes to discontinue lessons, then notice must be given in writing, half a term in advance, otherwise a half term's fees will still be payable in lieu of notice.

If your child cannot participate in their instrumental teaching period and is absent for any reason, lessons will still have to be paid for as the County Music Service work on a half term's notice only. The school, with much regret, cannot cover the cost of these circumstances.

If you would like your child to have instrumental/singing lessons, please complete and return the attached form and return it to the Finance Office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Rainbow
Business Manager

Guide to register for music lessons

Step 1 - Follow the link <https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration/#/>

Step 2 - In the blue box that says Step 1a **select school**, please look for Fearnhill School

The screenshot shows the Hertfordshire Music Service registration page. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Welcome to Hertfordshire Music Service:** A welcome message and a list of steps: Step 1a - Select the school (your child must attend the selected school), OR Step 1b - Select any music centre of your choice, Step 2 - Sign-up for course (purple box), and Step 3 - Complete the application form on the next screen.
- Step 1a - select school:** A blue box with a dropdown menu showing 'Fearnhill School, Letchworth Garden City (010)' and a search bar.
- Step 1b - select music centre:** A blue box with a dropdown menu and a search bar.
- Step 2 - Sign-up for courses:** A purple box with a dropdown menu showing 'Lessons'.
- Right-hand sidebar:** Contains several informational boxes: 'New fees from September 2024', 'Help with Music Fees', 'Access to Instruments', 'County Youth Music Groups', and 'Centre Ensemble Membership'.

Step 3

Click the link that says Lessons in the purple box and it will take you to a new page.

Step 4

Click on the instrument your child wants to learn. On the next page, select the length of lesson and whether it is an individual or group lesson that is required. Please add in a comment to detail whether they are a beginner or have previous experience. If there is not currently a group lesson available, we will let you know and you will be added to a waiting list.

Please note:

Students cannot start music lessons until this form has been completed by parents. A weekly timetable of lessons is displayed in Music and registers will be annotated for form tutor and teachers to remind students to go to it. Times may rotate on a weekly basis so that students do not miss the same subject lessons each week. They can request lessons before school/break/lunch but this is not always possible.

Any questions, please email Mrs Landsman: hannah.landsman10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

To: Finance Office, Fearnhill School

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED ONLINE VIA HERTS MUSIC SERVICE -

<https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

Instrumental Music Lessons

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| I would like my son/daughter | |
| To have lessons on the | |

I understand the fees involved and I would like the lessons to be:

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| 30 mins individual | | 20 mins individual | | 30 mins small group | |
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Please tick option

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| At a cost of | £ | For 11 lessons per term |
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| Please tick if you receive income support/family tax credits and have applied for remission of fees | |
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| Please tick to confirm you have already registered online at Herts Music service | |
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I understand that, should I wish to change the length of a lesson or stop lessons altogether, I need to give half a term's notice in writing. I also understand that fees are still payable for any lessons missed i.e. due to illness, school trips, exams, etc. unless half a term's written notice is given prior to the period of non-attendance. Written notification must be received by the Finance Office at the school.

Signed:

Date:

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| Parent/Carer of | | Form/ Form Tutor (if known) | |
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| Have they had any experience of playing instruments | |
| Do they own an instrument? | |

Can you please provide an email address for music lesson communications i.e. notify you of changes to lesson dates/times

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