



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

Littleport and East Cambs Academy, in partnership with Cambridgeshire Music, are delighted to be able to offer instrumental tuition in school. We have developed this partnership and are planning ahead for the start of the next term as for some instruments new tutors may need to be recruited. However, if existing tutors have space for new lessons, Cambridgeshire Music may provide these straight away.

Learning a musical instrument is a skill that stays with children throughout their lives and supports many social and educational skills that benefit other aspects of learning and development. This is true for all children including those with special educational needs.

Families worried about the cost of lessons may be able to access help if children are looked after by the local authority, or are eligible for pupil premium assistance. If so, please contact the school so we can confirm the level of bursary available. Group lessons can also be an affordable way of learning and can be provided on most instruments. If you are not eligible for school support then alternative bursary schemes are available through the Music Education Hub, please ask for more information.

The availability of lessons is subject to staff capacity and the appropriate starting age for the instrument chosen and particular needs can usually be accommodated. If you are uncertain that your child will pursue an instrument we recommend requesting a short course of lessons on an instrument so they can find out if it is the right one for them. Sometimes a child may need to try more than one instrument until they find one that works best for them.

Lessons can be in groups of 2-6 (from £6.00 per session) or individually (from £12.00 per session) and portable instruments can be loaned if available (£28 per term or part of term). Lessons are normally provided in the school day. Visit times are organised by the tutor with the school, taking account of any needs with regard to other educational studies. Learning an instrument is generally beneficial for learning in other subject areas.

How to request a lesson:

1. If advice about which instrument is required please email cm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call on 01480 373500.
2. If advice about financial support is required please contact the school office initially.
3. Visit the music tuition website at www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk and
 - a. register your account, just like for internet shopping. If you do not have access to the internet please let the school know so that they can help make the request.
 - b. use the email link that is sent to activate it.
 - c. Add your child and their details
 - d. Make the tuition request indicating the instrument required, number of sessions and length/cost and if an instrument loan is needed.



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At this point you are only requesting that we try to assign a tutor to your request, there is no financial commitment. Our tutors will confirm a start date or contact you if further information is required. If we cannot accommodate a lesson straight away your request will remain on the waiting list unless you advise otherwise. Payment is only made once lessons are confirmed and instalments are available at our discretion.

All Cambridgeshire Music staff are vetted, accredited and experienced in providing tuition in school settings. They are fully employed by us and you have access during office hours to our team for support if any queries arise as well as tutors themselves.

We hope that this will provide a new learning opportunity for your children which will enrich their time here at school.

With best wishes

Matthew Gunn
Head of Cambridgeshire Music

Scott Gaskins
Head of School – LECA

We would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete this online survey 'Littleport East-Cambs Instrumental Lessons Survey' – please go to: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/IOPC3/>