



Turn on to music – take the plunge, without the risk!

Would you like your child to have the chance to learn a musical instrument but are not sure you can take the risk of buying one? Devon Music Service's instrument hire service is designed with beginners in mind – it's flexible, convenient and excellent value.

Who can hire

If your child is a pupil of a Devon County Council maintained school, you can hire an instrument from us for them to use.

How it works

Your child's school has to sign up to the service and then you can apply direct to us for hire. We deliver instruments to the school and collect them from the school when the hire ends; it's easy! You can also collect instruments from our office in Exeter if that's more convenient for you.

Starting to hire

You can start to hire at any point during the year if we have an instrument available.

Length of hire period

The hire service gives children a first chance to try an instrument. We expect that you will wish to buy a new or more advanced instrument as your child progresses and that you will return the hire instrument to us so that we can offer the chance to another pupil. For that reason, most of our hire charges increase after the first year of hire (except for instruments with a single annual charge and for pupils who pay a reduced hire through the free school meals scheme).

Instruments you can hire

We offer a range of the most common instruments which are suitable for beginners – see the list on the back of this leaflet. We do not offer guitars or electronic keyboards, as beginner instruments can be bought for very low prices. Most of our instruments are not new, but they are all cleaned, checked and serviced before each hire.

What it costs

We charge for hire by the month or part month with a minimum charge of four months' hire. The hire charges for different types of instruments are listed on the back of this leaflet. These charges only apply to the first twelve months of new hires.

Special prices for special instruments!

For French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, double bass, bassoon or oboe, the cost of hire for the period September 2008-July 2009 will be a single charge of £20.00.

Reduced hire rate

We run two schemes for reduced hire rates. If the pupil is eligible for free school meals, any instrument may be hired for the period September 2008-July 2009 for a single charge of £20.00. Alternatively, if you already have one child hiring through us, we are able to offer their siblings 50% discount on some instruments. See the form on the back of this leaflet for further details.

How to apply

- Complete the form on the back of this leaflet and send it to Devon Music Service at the address below.
- Visit our website: www.devon.gov.uk/musicservice
- Phone us on 0845 155 1019

What happens next

If your choice of instrument is available, we will send you a hire agreement. We aim to deliver instruments within ten days of receiving your payment and signed hire agreement.

Instrument Hire Request 2008-09

Please complete this form and send it to:

**Devon Music Service, Great Moor House, Bittern Road, Exeter EX2 7NL
Tel: 01392 385602 Fax: 01392 385610 Email: dmsinstruments@devon.gov.uk**

This form is not a hire agreement. We will send a legally-binding hire agreement for you to sign when we confirm that an instrument is available. **Do not send any payment now.**

Parent/carer details

Title _____ Forename _____ Surname _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

Pupil details

Name of Pupil _____ School _____ Year/Reg Group _____

Instrument details

Please mark box or circle the instrument name

Price band	Hire charge	Brass	Strings	Woodwind
A	One-off charge of £20.00 for the period September 2008 to July 2009	<input type="checkbox"/> French Horn <input type="checkbox"/> Euphonium <input type="checkbox"/> Trombone <input type="checkbox"/> Tuba	<input type="checkbox"/> Double Bass	<input type="checkbox"/> Bassoon <input type="checkbox"/> Oboe
B	£5.00 per month or part month*	<input type="checkbox"/> Baritone <input type="checkbox"/> Tenor Horn <input type="checkbox"/> Cornet <input type="checkbox"/> Trumpet	<input type="checkbox"/> Violin <input type="checkbox"/> Viola <input type="checkbox"/> Cello Please indicate child's height:	<input type="checkbox"/> Clarinet
C	£10.00 per month or part month*			<input type="checkbox"/> Alto Saxophone <input type="checkbox"/> Tenor Saxophone <input type="checkbox"/> Flute <input type="checkbox"/> Flute (curved head)

***Note: there is a minimum hire charge of four months' hire. The charges above apply only to the first twelve months of new hires. If you choose to continue hire for a second year, most hire charges will increase.**

***We offer a 50% discount on price bands B and C to siblings of children who already hire from us. Note that this is not available in conjunction with any other hire discount. If applying for two children at the same time, the cheapest hire rate will be discounted.**

To apply for this discount, please provide the name of the child who already hires from us: _____

Pupils eligible for free school meals

To any pupil eligible for free school meals, we are able to offer hire of any instrument for a single payment of £20.00 for the whole period September 2008 – July 2009. You can claim this reduced hire rate even if you do not actually claim the free school meals. The pupil is eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the support payments listed below.

If your child is already registered with their school or with Devon County Council as eligible for free school meals, please tick the box on the right. You do not need to send us any other information or documents.

If you do not claim free school meals for your child, but you think they might be eligible for the reduced hire rate, please mark one box below to indicate which type of support you receive. Please sign the declaration and return this form to us **enclosing recent written confirmation of your entitlement** (photocopies are sufficient). We cannot process your application unless you submit evidence.

<input type="checkbox"/> Income Support (IS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	<input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Tax Credit, provided you do not also receive Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, that does not exceed <u>£15,575</u> <i>In this case, please provide Inland Revenue Credit Award Notice (form TC602)</i>	

Note: Contributions Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Working Tax Credit and Invalidity Benefit do not qualify; also, being in receipt of BOTH Child Tax Credit AND Working Tax Credit does not qualify.

Declaration: I confirm that I receive the support indicated above and I enclose recent written confirmation of this support.

Your signature: _____ **Date:** _____

