

Course Structure Sheffield Infants Academy

Stage 1 Age 4-5

30 minute musicianship lessons, 30 weeks per year, 10 week terms £8.50 per session

Skills: keeping steady beat, singing in tune, reading and performing basic rhythmic and pitch notation, basic composition and improvisation using tuned percussion, understanding the sol fa (Do Re Mi) scale, recognizing and trying out range of musical instruments.

Activities: vocal warm ups, singing and clapping games, musical movement to music, giant notation resources, parachutes, hands on experience of orchestral instruments each week (eg. Trombone, cello, French horn, oboe).

Stage 2 Age 5-6

30 minute musicianship lessons, 30 weeks per year, 10 week terms £10.50 per session (includes instrument hire)

Skills: reinforcing skills from stage 1 AND learning to read pitched notation (treble clef stave), trying out different instruments to see if they have a preference for string or wind.

Activities:

Term 1: singing games and activities similar to stage 1 but more complex, learning to read the treble clef stave, understanding how a keyboard works through tuned percussion and keyboard mat (taken home to practice in between sessions).

Term 2 and Term 3: 5 group instrumental lessons on violin, recorder, ukulele (taken home to practice in between sessions), last 5 lessons on year work towards a performance on all the instruments learnt.

Stage 3 and 4 Age 6-8

20 minute individual instrumental lesson with specialist teacher (violin, cello or recorder) £12

AND 40 minute group musicianship lesson £6.50

Total £18.50 per week, 30 weeks per year, 10 week terms

Hire of violins £10 per term, Hire of cellos £15 per term. Music is purchased by families independently.

Skills: learning to play chosen instrument on own and a group setting, performing in front of an audience, consolidating pulse, pitch and rhythm skills from stage 1 and 2, and increasing fluency in notation reading, improvisation and composition.

Activities: Concerts at Christmas (stage 2, 3 and 4) and May (Stage 3 and 4 with Sheffield Music Academy Juniors)

Individual instrumental lessons with specialist teacher every week – practice required in between and discussed between pupil, family and teacher.

Musicianship sessions focus on group singing and playing skills through games and simple ensemble pieces.

Giant resources are used to reinforce learning notation on instrument.