

### **Missed lessons due to pupil absence policy**

Please be aware that any music lessons missed due to pupil absence (for any reason) cannot be rescheduled or refunded. This is standard practice with peripatetic teachers.

Our peripatetic teachers work at several different schools, all of which have the same issues regarding changes in timetable/off-site activities. They try their best to work around the school timetable, but please note that they are contracted to teach on your child's lesson day only, so if your child is not on site at their lesson time, they are not obliged to make that lesson up.

Should a member of the peripatetic music staff be absent for any reason on your child's lesson day, they will of course make up the missed lesson or refund if necessary. This is the same policy as is practiced at after school activities such as, for example, dance or swimming lessons, where if a child is absent for any reason, their lesson is forfeited.

Please also be aware that payment for music lessons is due at the start of term, before lessons commence, in order to secure your child's place and that half a terms notice is required should a child wish to stop lessons at any point. This is standard practice with peripatetic teachers, as it allows them time to rework their timetables.

Our music teachers would also like to remind parents that children should be regularly practicing if having lessons in school, and that all books/instruments (where necessary) are expected in school on their lesson days, as it is very difficult to teach a child without these. A copy of the Music learning agreement for pupils, teachers and parents is available on the website page.

Thank you for your continued support.