

Individual and Small Group Music Lesson Policy

This policy governs the operation music department at Lendy Park School, effective Term 2 2023. This policy is in a trial stage for the second term of 2023 and will be finalised at the start of the third term 2023. Any feedback that you feel is relevant and would improve this policy would be greatly appreciated and should be channelled to the headmaster.

This policy recognises the importance of the cultural aspect of a child's development and the need to, where possible, provide opportunities for the child to develop in these areas. With this in mind, every child at Lendy Park School will attend class music lessons: these lessons will have two components being 30 minutes of the theory of music incorporating the ZIMSEC VPA syllabus and 30 minutes of instruments such as the recorder, marimbas, mbiras etc. in a group format. In addition, they will all attend choir and group singing lessons. This way, every child will have an opportunity to develop their musical talents within the context of the school's ability to provide these opportunities. Specifically, they will all have the opportunity to learn at least one musical instrument and have their singing skills developed.

No lessons that are conducted by a Lendy Park employee may be charged for if held at Lendy Park School **or** if held during school hours which are from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm from Monday to Friday.

In the case of camps, these are voluntary and will be charged in such a way as to recover any cost associated with the camp such as catering, labour and **external** coaches that are brought in as they are outside of the budgeted expenses of the school.

Lessons in which an **external coach** is brought in to coach a particular instrument will be at the particular child's expense as the school does not have the resources to fund these lessons. These lessons will be held during the course of the day as can be arranged so as not to disturb the academic or sporting programme in place.

Individual or group lessons will also be conducted by the music staff and the Junior Masters (who are employed purely for their musical ability) at Lendy Park School on the following basis:

- These lessons are not charged. However, a levy of may USD30 per term is charged to develop the resources of the music department (such as buying new instruments). This levy will be placed on the invoices of those children who do the lessons.
- These lessons will be 15 minutes in duration and held at a time so as not to disturb the academic or sporting programmes in place.
- Unfortunately, there is limited room for these lessons and a selection criteria will be used as follows:
 - First priority will be children currently in the music programme. This will ensure the continuation of the system in place.

Any children joining the programme from his point (the start of Term 2 2023) will be subject to the following selection criteria.

- Second priority is given to instruments that can be taught in small groups to maximise the number of children benefiting from the programme. These

children should have their own instruments (so that they can practise and make the most of the opportunities offered to them).

- Third priority to any child who has has their own instrument (so that they can practise and make the most of the opportunities offered to them)
- From this point on, it will be based on a first come, first served basis from a waiting list maintained by the school secretary.

Due to the limited number of places available, should a child receiving individual or small group lessons fail to meet the requirements for practice or progress they will be removed from the programme and the place offered to another child.

It is the school's ambition to purchase instruments for the school to enable a greater number of children to participate but this will be dependent on the financial resources available. The instruments will be purchased when funds allow and will start by focusing on those instruments that can be taught in small groups.

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