



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS AT ROCKMOUNT

The peripatetic instrumental teachers are an important and valued part of Rockmount's Music department. At Rockmount we currently offer instrumental tuition in violin, trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet, saxophone, piano, drum kit, guitar and bass guitar. All our instrumental teachers are experienced and DBS certified. Instrumental teachers are either allocated to us through Croydon Music and Arts (CMA), Rocksteady (independent company) or are self-employed.

When and where lessons take place

Approximately 10 weekly lessons are provided per term. Lessons take place during the school day, but are rotated (as much as possible) to avoid children frequently missing the same lessons. Timetables are displayed on the Music notice board and classrooms at the start of each half term. Many of the instrumental teachers also choose to email the timetable to parents.

Fees

The private teachers, CMA and Rocksteady will issue parents/carers with a contract explaining their terms and conditions and are responsible for invoicing and collection of payment for lessons directly.

Payment must be made in advance to the individual teacher, CMA or Rocksteady. Payments cannot be made through Rockmount, nor will the school take responsibility for chasing payments. Financial assistance is available to those who require it and are eligible.

- Private peripatetic teachers (piano & drums) teach 30 minute lessons on a 1:1 basis. The amount is reviewed annually to keep in line with fees recommended by the [Musicians Union](#). Please contact teachers for current fees and terms & conditions.
- The cost of lessons with CMA peripatetic teachers is a little more complex and has different rates to accommodate group, paired and individual lessons – please refer to [CMA website](#) for current pricing information.
- [Rocksteady](#) charges a monthly subscription per child. A minimum of 33 half hour sessions are taught throughout the year.

Help choosing which instrument to apply for:

Instrument	How to apply	Detailed information
Piano	<p>Apply at the school office: PIANO LESSONS ARE FULLY BOOKED. Please complete a slip (available at the school office) to add your name to the piano waiting list. You will be contacted by one of our piano teachers as soon as a place becomes available.</p> <p><i>Please note:</i> <i>Piano is a very popular instrument at Rockmount. All our piano teachers teach to their full capacity, but places only become available when a student leaves/chooses to stop lessons. The piano waiting list is currently very long and you could be waiting a few years for a place. Please add your name to the waiting list, but also consider applying for a different instrument (see below) or starting lessons with a piano teacher outside of school until a place becomes available in school.</i> <i>To find out where you are on the waiting list please email the school office 'FAO Music teacher – PIANO WAITING LIST UPDATE'</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 upwards although younger children are taken, depending on the child's maturity and hand size (they need to be big enough to cover 5 notes comfortably) • Piano or keyboard (preferably with weighted keys) is needed at home for practice.
Drum kit	<p>Apply directly to our drum teacher:</p> <p>Contact details: Mr Bobby MacPherson E: bobbymacpherson89@gmail.com T: 07728684377</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally, Year 2 upwards. • No need for a full drum kit at home, but you would need a pair of drum sticks and practice pad. The drum teacher will advise on this.
Guitar & Bass guitar	<p>Apply directly to CMA: There is an online application form on their website: www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk</p> <p>Contact details (term time only): E: musicandarts.education@croydon.gov.uk T: 020 8681 0909</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally Year 2 upwards. • Guitars are not available to hire, but you will be advised by the guitar teacher which type and size of instrument to buy. These are relatively inexpensive. Rockmount has a limited number of guitars that can be loaned out.
String: Violin & Cello	<p>Apply directly to CMA: There is an online application form on their website: www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk</p> <p>Contact details (term time only): E: musicandarts.education@croydon.gov.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally Year 2 upwards, although the violin comes in smaller sizes for almost any age of beginner. • Violins/cellos can be hired from CMA. Do not purchase an instrument at this stage. The

	T: 020 8681 0909	instrumental teacher will recommend a suitable instrument.
Brass Trumpet & Trombone	Apply directly to CMA: There is an online application form on their website: www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk Contact details (term time only): E: musicandarts.education@croydon.gov.uk T: 020 8681 0909	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will need to have their top adult teeth and need to be of a certain size so that they can not only handle the instrument comfortably, but have enough puff to blow it! • Instruments can be hired from CMA. Do not purchase an instrument at this stage. The teacher will recommend a suitable instrument.
Flute	Apply directly to CMA: There is an online application form on their website: www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk Contact details (term time only): E: musicandarts.education@croydon.gov.uk T: 020 8681 0909	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will need to be large enough to hold the flute comfortably (although can use a recorder to start with if necessary). Usually Year 3 is a good age to start. • Rockmount has a limited number of flutes that can be loaned out. Instruments can also be hired from CMA. Do not purchase an instrument at this stage. The teacher will recommend a suitable instrument.
Rocksteady	Apply directly to Rocksteady: Register your interest on the website and Rocksteady will then contact you: www.rocksteadymusicschool.com Contact details: E: info@rocksteadymusicschool.com T: 0330 113 0330	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children learn to play an instrument in their very own rock or pop band. Children have the opportunity to become the guitarist, bass player, keyboard player, drummer or lead vocalist. • A band leader comes to Rockmount weekly, equipped with all the required instruments. Children cannot take instruments home, so instruments will eventually need to be purchased.

- Please only apply to CMA for trumpet, trombone, flute, violin, cello, guitar or bass guitar lessons.
- Piano and drum kit lessons will only be taught with our current private teachers and cannot be taught by CMA teachers in school. Email the drum teacher directly and join the waiting list for piano lessons (via the school office).
- Additional tuition is available at the [CMA](#) centre for a wider range of instruments **outside of school hours.**
- [Croydon Music and Arts](#) also run a number of [groups and ensembles](#) as well as events. Please see their website for more information.



For more details about learning an instrument at Rockmount please refer to the *Instrumental Music Lessons policy* on the school website.

