



**PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL
EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**PERTH & KINROSS INSTRUMENTAL
MUSIC SERVICES**

Instrumental Introductory Letter for Tuition



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In recognition of the integral part instrumental music plays in pupils' education and welfare, Scottish Government has announced that **instrumental music lessons will continue to be delivered free of charge.**

The Perth & Kinross Instrumental Music Service offers opportunities for pupils to play a musical instrument and participate in music making with many ensembles, orchestras and bands.

- Pupils learning musical instruments develop a wide range of unique skills, providing a means of fulfilment and enjoyment whilst nurturing a greater understanding of the arts.
- Parents can enjoy and share their child's excitement in learning to play an instrument. Your child performing at a concert will provide you with a great sense of pride and satisfaction.
- Schools will provide opportunities for pupils to enrich their curriculum and the life of the school.
- Instrumental music prepares pupils to make a meaningful contribution towards the artistic life of the community.

The service offers an exciting opportunity to participate in a unique course within education which will benefit all participants for the rest of their lives. Lessons will be delivered on a blended basis of face to face and some digital lessons.

After a short period of time, pupils will also be able to perform in school ensembles and local authority orchestras and bands as well as attending residential music camps. It is strongly advised that pupils receiving tuition in school strive to attend one of these Central Groups as this is recognised as an integral part of tuition.

There are a limited number of spaces for pupils to start tuition on the following instrument/s:

Instrument/s **Bagpipes/Chanter, Brass, Cello, Percussion and Woodwind**

No availability at moment **Piano, Violin** (any application for these will be placed on a waiting list)

Youth Music Initiative

Due to the Youth Music Initiative funding, there is also limited availability for Guitar and Vocal Instruction free of charge. YMI funding is secure until June 2024 and where it is hoped that this long-standing initiative will be maintained, it will rely on the continued investment from Scottish Government to do so.

YMI Instruments.....**Guitar and Vocal**.....

Should there be a particularly high demand to learn certain instruments, it may be necessary for the instructor to assess the applications and, it may be the case, that not all applicants will start tuition immediately but it is hoped that an opportunity to commence tuition would arise at some point within the school year.

If you would like your child to apply for an instrument in one of the above instrumental families i.e. brass, strings, woodwind etc, please complete an online registration form via the following link <https://bit.ly/3pKUjZ1> or scan the QR code below, **which will be accessible online from Friday 1 September 2023.**



Due to high demand, it is advised to apply as soon as possible.

Upon receipt of completed requests for tuition, the Instrumental Staff will review the applications and meet with your child to assess the suitability and compatibility of their chosen instrument.

Applicants will be informed via email with an update regarding their request for tuition.

How We Use Your Personal Information

The information provided by you will be used by Perth & Kinross Council to assess and meet your service needs e.g. to process your application, and to keep you informed about the Instrumental Music Service. The information will not be disclosed to third parties.

The Council may check information provided by you, or information about you provided by a third party, with other information held by us. We may also get information from certain third parties or share your information with them in order to verify its accuracy, prevent or detect crime, protect public funds or where required by law.

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