

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are instruments provided?

Pianos and drum kits are provided in school for use in lessons, all other instruments (including drum sticks) must be provided by the parent and brought to school each week by the student. We highly recommend that all students have access to an instrument at home for practice. Some instruments are available to purchase or hire from our website. www.rhythmroom.co.uk/school-info.

When do lessons take place?

Lessons are provided during the school day. In primary schools, children are collected from class, in secondary schools, students are provided with a schedule and must attend at their allocated time.

Will my child receive a lesson every week in the school term?

No. Typically school terms range between 11 and 13 weeks. We invoice for only 10 lessons per term so that prices can be fixed. It also allows us some flexibility to work around school activities such as school trips, examinations etc. Parents should expect some weeks where lessons will not take place. A calendar is available on our website www.rhythmroom.co.uk/school-info.

What if my child misses a lesson?

Our [Terms and Conditions](#) provide a detailed explanation of charges in the event of absences.

Do I need to reapply each term?

No. Once you have registered your child, they are enrolled until you provide 6 term-time week's notice to cancel.

Do you teach grades?

Yes, we teach Rock School, Trinity and ABRSM depending on the instrument or the preference of the student and parents.

Does my child have to take grades?

No, an academic approach may not be the right fit for every student and we will tailor the lessons accordingly.

How do I book a grade exam?

When your child is ready to take their exam you will need to book directly with the examining body. You can find links to booking exams on our website. www.rhythmroom.co.uk/school-info.

Can my child share lessons with other students?

If the teaching space at the school allows for social distancing and if we can arrange a suitable match with another student or group of students, we may be able to offer shared or group lessons.

How will I be kept informed of my child's progress?

A practice book will be provided during your child's first lesson. The teacher will make an entry in the book at the end of each lesson. The book contains sections for the student to log practice and for parents to comment or ask questions. You can also email schools@rhythmroom.co.uk at anytime if you have any questions.

How often should my child practise?

Regular practice is vital to a pupil's progress, in most cases, a student receiving 20-minute lessons and practising every day will progress faster than a student receiving 30-minute lessons and not practising between sessions. We recommend practising as much as possible but a minimum of 15 minutes per day. To encourage practice, make it part of a daily routine, and use words like "what if" and "imagine" instead of "must" and "should".

How do I pay?

Invoices are issued termly in advance of the lessons, payable via bank transfer. Payment due dates are as follows:

Lessons starting Autumn term: Payment due 30th July.

Lessons starting Spring term: Payment due 30th November.

Lessons starting Summer term: Payment due 28th February.

Is financial support available?

If your child receives pupil premium funding your school may cover some of the cost of lessons, please indicate Pupil Premium Funding on the application form and we will contact your child's school to discuss payment options. We will contact you to arrange lessons once payment arrangements are confirmed with the school.

How do I cancel?

Parents must email schools@rhythmroom.co.uk, giving 6 term-time weeks notice to cancel lessons. This is to ensure our teachers do not have sudden changes to their timetables. It allows us time to re-advertise lessons at your child's school and to allocate your child's place to another student.