



Guitar Tuition



Dear Parents,

Your child has expressed an interest in learning the guitar at school with me. Below is some further information.

The Lessons

Guitar lessons are usually in small groups of up to 4 pupils per 30 minutes. I teach notation reading and pupils will learn to play the melody of a song rather than just strum chords. I teach finger picking in the classical 'rest stroke' style but also use a wide variety of other material including pop songs, blues, folk, flamenco and eastern music. I like to develop the child's aural awareness and use improvising and encourage composition.

The aim of the lessons is to secure a good basic knowledge of music coupled with the enjoyment of playing guitar. Grade exams are possible in time and many young guitarists achieve excellent results. Lessons are held during the school day (in the afternoon) on a rota basis. We will also aim to play in assembly at least twice per year.

Pupils will usually need a 3/4 size nylon strung, classical guitar. 'Jose Ferrer' are a good make.

The Cost

I use a 3 x post dated cheques system for the year. The termly rate is £76. Please provide 3 cheques for £76 each in the first week of the September term written to 'Keith Hastings'. One cheque should be dated 11th Sept, 2nd cheque 8th Jan, 3rd cheque 20th April. The payment is for 30 lessons per academic year, 10 lessons per term.

Occasionally as a professional musician, I have to miss the odd week touring with my band but all lessons will be made up. The FIRST TERMS LESSONS WILL ALSO REQUIRE PAYMENT FOR MY TUTOR BOOK/ CD WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL £14.99.

Please note: **ONE HALF TERMS WRITTEN NOTICE IS REQUIRED TO CEASE LESSONS.**

(As long as the correct notice is given, any unused cheques will be returned to you).

Commitment

I would like at least two terms commitment to learning the guitar in order to realistically progress and every pupil will be expected to try and practice for 15 minutes per day. If you need any further info please email on: kth@keithhastings.com

I am a qualified professional guitar teacher and musician (www.keithhastings.com) and I have been teaching at St. Marys for the past 7 years. I also play regularly in a band; www.bamboleband.com . I hope your child will enjoy learning with me and gain from my wealth of experience.

regards,

Keith Hastings CT ABRSM

WE would like our child to learn guitar and agree to give one half terms written notice.

Pupil Name.....yf.....

PARENTS CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS:

Parent signature.....

Please enclose the 3 x postdated cheques. 2 x@£76 with the September cheque for £90.99 (for tutor book/ CD) Please email me if you wish to pay by BACS.

