

The Magic of Music

We are on a mission to bring the Magic of Music into as many Sussex homes as possible. During the past year your child has at some point been learning to play the violin or viola as part of the class First Access program and some would have taken part in an end of program concert. Through learning an instrument children will learn musical skills that help develop a lifelong love of music. Research has also shown that there are many other benefits associated with learning to play a musical instrument including:

- *raising confidence and self-esteem*
- *improving teamwork, concentration and many other skills for learning*
- *connecting with new people and broadening horizons*
- *improving their well-being by becoming happier and healthier*

I know that many of the children have enjoyed the lessons and the experience of learning to play an instrument and many had shown a desire to want to continue these lessons. Here are the details of how you can apply to have lesson through East Sussex Music. The lessons are held during the school day in groups of 2-5 children.

You obtain violins various ways. You can hire from East Sussex Music or from <http://www.ackermanmusic.co.uk/violin-rental> from about £8 a month (minimum 3 months) To buy a violin they are about £75. If you buy a violin from any other source do make sure the violins come set up. When you have applied for the lessons, I will advise of the size violin you will need.

The children also need the book Violin Star 1 by Huw Edward Jones £6.95 and a Huber Shoulder Rest £6. These can be purchased at B&T Music, 9 Claremont, Hastings Tel No. 01424 434480 or on the internet.

After the children have been learning for a term or so they will be invited to join to local Saturday morning Music Centre.

Practice: Little and often is far better than a block practicing once a week. In the beginning 5 minutes a day which builds up over time. Children learn at different speeds and there will be peaks and troughs in their levels of enthusiasm and progress. Parent involvements and regular practice will always reap dividends.

If you would like any further or advice please contact me on Tel: 0771663271 or by email at graham.coldwell@brightondome.org

To apply for lessons you need to go to <https://www.eastsussexmusic.org/> and click on Music Lesson where you will find information about fees, discounts. Then click on apply to sign up for lessons if you could apply before the end of term that would help me with planning for September.

I look forward to teaching your child

Graham Coldwell

Violin/Viola Teacher

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