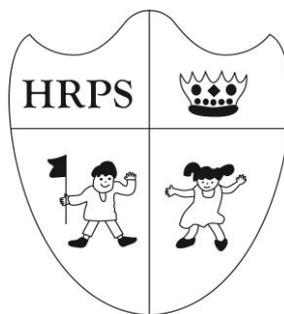


# Houghton Regis

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# Primary School

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## **NEW Piano lesson availability at Houghton Regis Primary School** **– second half of Autumn Term 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

My name is Julia Gommon, and I am a piano teacher giving both private lessons and school lessons in the local area. I have been teaching a number of pupils at Houghton Regis Primary School since September during the school day and if there is sufficient interest there is the possibility that I can extend this opportunity to more children after half term.

Children (enrolled in Year 1 to Year 6 from September 2020) will have the opportunity to learn the piano during the school day using the school's piano.

### **The benefits of playing a musical instrument**

The benefits of playing a musical instrument are widely known and have been proven in countless scientific studies. Such benefits include:

- Increased IQ
- Promotion of happiness
- Improved listening skills
- Teaches perseverance and self-discipline
- Improved academic performance
- Enhanced coordination
- Sharpens concentration
- Creates a sense of achievement

### **Structure and format of lessons**

Individual lessons to enable your child to work one-on-one with the teacher, getting as much as possible out of the time.

- 30 minute lessons, 1 lesson per week
- A regular day and time for the lesson to be mutually agreed between parent, teacher and the school
- All abilities are catered for, so whether your child has played an instrument previously or is a complete beginner, lessons will be tailored to their level.

### **Cost of lessons**

- The cost of lessons is £16 per 30 minute session.
- This would be paid in advance as a block payment at the start of each term, depending on how many teaching days are in that particular term.
- The cost per term will be communicated in advance, via invoice.
- Payment to be made directly to Julia Gommon via bank transfer.



- If there are any difficulties with making a block payment upfront then please do let me know and I will be happy to discuss alternative payment plans on a case-by-case basis.

**What does your child need to provide?**

- We will use the school's electric piano for piano lessons, and it is recommended that pupils have a piano or at least a keyboard (with weighted keys) to practice on at home.
- I will use my own books with pupils in lessons (sometimes trying out different ones where necessary) for a week or two initially before recommending the most appropriate books for you to purchase.

If you and your child are interested in taking up piano lessons at school then please do contact me at **[juliagommonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:juliagommonmusic@gmail.com)** no later than Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October (during half term), to allow adequate time to sort out a schedule before the start of next term. Once we have established how many pupils are interested we will then be in touch directly to finalise all arrangements. Please note that places are limited and will be offered first come first served.

With thanks and best wishes

Mrs Julia Gommon  
Piano Teacher