

The Gilbert School



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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Music Lessons at The Gilbert School

We are offering individual music lessons in partnership with Essex Music Service. Music lessons will take place during the school day next term provided by specialist music tutors. **Existing music students do not need to re-register.**

How do I apply for lessons?

- To add your child to the waiting list, please register by 29th June 2026.
- When a lesson slot becomes available, Essex Music Service will send an invoice to you.
- Payment is required before lessons can begin.

- **Please register on this link:**

<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1645#/courselist/25>

How much do lessons cost?

- There will be 30 lessons throughout the academic year i.e. 10 lessons a term.
- 10 x 15-minute lessons per term = £103.50 per term
- 10 x 30-minute lessons per term = £207 per term

Can I get financial help in paying for lessons?

- Families with a household income under £24,000 can apply for a 50% discount.
- Looked after Children, Adopted Children and those who have had contact with Social Care can receive 10 x free 15 minute lessons per term.
- **Please register for [Financial assistance here.](#)**

Does my child need an instrument?

- Yes, your child will need to take an instrument to individual lessons unless they are having piano or drum lessons.
- If you do not own an instrument, Essex Music Service provide low-cost hire for all Essex children.
- **Please register for [Instrument Hire here.](#)**

Useful information

- Please view Essex Music Service's [Terms and Conditions for Parents](#)
- You may wish to read through our new [Parent's Guide to Music Lessons](#)
- You can sign up to the Service's [free newsletter 'In Tune'](#) which includes details of music making for pupils during the school term and in school holidays

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We look forward to developing your child's love of music.

Yours faithfully

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