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Mrs Judith Chapman (B’Ed Hons) Piano and Keyboard Teacher

Thank you for taking an interest in piano tuition for your child. Below are a few notes to help you.

Lessons

Piano lessons are 20 minute individual lessons and are at a time that suits the class teachers (unless you have requested a lunch or break time lesson). The lesson days will be decided at the start of the school year. (Usually on a Tuesday for Stanford pupils, a Wednesday for Millbrook pupils and a Thursday for Burghfield pupils). There will be 33 lessons during the school year –6 terms per year. There are often more lessons during the autumn terms and fewer in the spring and summer terms.

Practice

All pupils will need an instrument to practice on. A piano is preferred for piano lessons, but keyboards are fine, some very good. Touch sensitive, full sized keys are best. I may be able to arrange keyboard hire for £5 per month if required. Each pupil should do some home practice. The lessons each week at school will show them what to practice at home. In the early stages 10 – 15 minutes should be enough on 5 or more days of the week. This can later be extended to 20 – 30 minutes a day, however practice should not be a chore. The main aim is enjoyment. I am happy if some progress is being made and that the pupil is enjoying making music. When I feel that no progress is being made, I will contact you.

Payment for Lessons

Piano lessons cost £10 per lesson. This can be paid weekly, termly (£55 per term) or by standing order (£27.50 per month over 12 months.) For standing order and BACS payments: - Mrs J Chapman, Nat west Bank, Sort Code 60-11-28, account no. 79267114. Please let me know your choice of payment method at the start of the term.

Missed Lessons

The first lesson that your child is absent for in each term will be charged for, but any further lessons missed in that term will be refunded.

I hope that these notes are useful to you and that your child enjoys playing, and you enjoy listening to, the piano or keyboard.

Yours sincerely

Judith Chapman