



# VERNON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Instrumental lesson opportunities

Dear Parents/Carers

Instrumental lessons are available at Vernon through our team of highly professional musicians who visit each week. They are private lessons but are given in school time, with the teachers collecting pupils from their classes at the appropriate time. The instrumental teachers operate a 'rolling timetable' so that each child does not miss the same section of the same lesson each week. The class teachers are fully supportive of children leaving lessons to learn musical instruments as they are well aware of the benefits this brings to children's learning across the board. All children who learn an instrument will be given the opportunity to perform to their peers and parents throughout the year.

Each instrumental teacher has contributed a section below, giving brief details about themselves and their experience. If you would like to express an interest in your child learning an instrument, **please contact the individual music teachers directly** and they will answer any questions you might have and provide further information.

### **Mr Dan Coppock – drums**

My name is Dan Coppock and I am a peripatetic drum/percussion teacher. I achieved grade 8 at the age of 14 then went on to achieve a Higher B Tech National Diploma at the Academy of Contemporary Music (Guildford) at the age of 17. After this I attended university a year early and achieved a BA Joint Honours Degree in Music and Popular Music at the age of 20.

I teach privately as well as in schools and my lesson rates are as follows:-

In school time: Lessons are £66 per term for ten 20 minute lessons with a maximum of 2 pupils per lesson. (Lessons are given on a rotation basis so as not to affect children's learning)

Privately: Lessons are £12.50 per half an hour and £25 per hour (drum kit is required)

Unfortunately places are full at the moment, though if you would like your child to be placed on a waiting list, please get in touch; priority is given to KS2 pupils.

If you wish to purchase drum related items ie sticks, books, drum kits etc I am happy to supply/ source this. Any further enquiries about lessons please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Dan Coppock Mob: 07887843429

### **Front Row Music – Guitar and Ukulele**

Front Row Music (previous Fidler Music) provide guitar, keyboard and ukulele lessons in primary schools throughout the North West. We love music and believe that it should be as fun and accessible for young people as possible. Through our tailor-made lesson plans we encourage young people to play the music that they know and love. We love working towards performances in our lessons and rewarding pupils with certificates of achievement.



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Lessons are weekly and cost £6.50 for half an hour. We teach in groups of between four and seven at a time. We provide guitars and ukuleles free of charge for use in lessons; we also offer great deals on instruments should parents wish to purchase any for their children to use at home.

Through our website pupils can find online backing tracks, tuition videos and other resources – this is also great for parents who want to learn alongside their child!

[www.frontrow-music.com](http://www.frontrow-music.com)

### **Mrs Carol Frost – Recorder, Clarinet and Saxophone.**

GMus RNCM Hons

I provide weekly 20 minute Recorder, Clarinet and Saxophone lessons, individually or in groups. Lessons are always fun and tailored to the individual. Children have the opportunity to work towards performances and exams. Lessons are on the same day each week and are rotated so that the same class lessons are not missed.

I studied at the Royal Northern College of Music and alongside performing I enjoy supporting and teaching young musicians. I currently teach at Vernon Primary, Poynton High School and Fallibroome Academy, conduct various groups at Macclesfield Music Centre and enjoy being a course tutor for various ensembles and summer schools across the UK and am tutor and trustee for Macclesfield Youth Brass Band.

- Clarinet and Saxophone: £9 per 20 minutes – could be a shared lesson between 2
- Recorder: £2.50 per group lesson. Recorders and music can be provided for use in lessons free of charge.

Clarinets and saxophones can be hired from the Love Music Trust for £5 per month ([gfarrell@lovemusictrust.com](mailto:gfarrell@lovemusictrust.com) or contact Gemma Farrell on 01270 766214). Clarinets and Saxophones can be purchased second-hand or new minus VAT via the school.

[carol\\_frost@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carol_frost@hotmail.co.uk)

**07950 648534**

### **Mr Adam Hutchins – Piano & Keyboard**

BA Hons (GLCM) PGDip MISM

I am a professional pianist, piano teacher & musical director based in New Mills. I studied at Leeds College of Music on the Jazz Studies degree & the University of Salford on the Postgraduate Diploma. I have been teaching at Vernon for over 12 years; I also teach at Fallibroome & Tytherington Academies in Macclesfield & The Music Studio in New Mills. In addition to teaching, I maintain a busy schedule of live gigs with various jazz, blues & popular bands, conduct New Mills Brass Band and compose music. I enjoy the variety of work with pupils aged six to sixty. I have 3 spaces available in September at £13.50 / lesson.

[www.adamhutchins.com](http://www.adamhutchins.com) Tel 07957 288550.

### **Mrs Claire Jackson – violin, cello and voice**

(B.Mus(hons) PGCE)

I had my own wonderful music education through Norfolk Music Service, then went to do a music degree at Sheffield Uni, then Manchester completing a PGCE teaching in secondary schools, before going back to Instrumental Teaching right across the spectrum of primary, secondary, special schools and more. I have been teaching strings ever since, although I am always singing and sometimes banging drums.

The advantage of violins is that they are relatively inexpensive, and come in very small sizes, so that Y2/3 can get going in their music making. I am happy to do shared lessons, especially for beginners, but more experienced pupils often find they can use the whole 30 mins very fruitfully.



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A 30 min lesson is £13, or £9 for 20 mins. Instruments can be found 2<sup>nd</sup> hand from £50 upwards, or new from around £80. Please feel free to ring me for further info (07765 215796) or email [clareyjackson@iCloud.com](mailto:clareyjackson@iCloud.com)

### **Mr Graeme H Longson – brass**

CTABRSM

I am a professional qualified instrumental tutor and musician with over 40 years playing and over 25 years teaching experience. Based at Poynton High School, I also teach at several primary schools in the local area. I come into Vernon every Friday morning during term time.

I teach the following brass instruments: trumpet, cornet, tenor horn, trombone, baritone, euphonium, flugelhorn, soprano cornet, French horn, piccolo trumpet, bass trombone, Eb bass, Bb bass and tuba.

Learning a brass instrument is fun! It is a social instrument and players thrive when they join one of the many local groups, bands, ensembles or orchestras.

I offer individual one-to-one or group lessons and work towards grades with either ABRSM or Trinity. I can also specialise in either band, orchestral or jazz techniques.

In September I will have space to take on 5 new students and will start them off in group lessons. The initial cost works out at only £4.50 a week including the FREE loan of an instrument. (Choose from trumpet, tenor horn or trombone).

As a student progresses, you can opt for shared or individual lessons. My current stats show that a year 4 student that opts for individual 30 minute one-to-one lessons, achieves on average grade 4 by year 6.

Rates: £13.00 for a half hour one-to-one lesson. £9.00 for a 20-minute one-to-one lesson. £6.50 for a shared half-hour lesson. £4.50 a lesson for all other lesson options including group work.

If you have any questions or require further information, please email me at [pianoandbrass@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pianoandbrass@hotmail.co.uk) or call/text me on 07588282200. Thank you.

### **Val Stark - piano**

(GRNCM PGRNCM)

I have been a professional musician and music instrument teacher for many years now, after graduating from the Royal Northern College of Music. I play and teach a few musical instruments but started teaching piano for the first time at Vernon Primary School a couple of years ago. I enjoyed introducing young children to this instrument so much I am still here doing that.

The piano is a great instrument. Young children enjoy the immediacy of it and will learn to explore the many wonderful sounds as they move around this challenging musical instrument. They will learn to compose their own tunes and write their own music. If you don't have a piano at home, a keyboard or electric piano is fine but your child must have an instrument.

[Val.stark@virginmedia.com](mailto:Val.stark@virginmedia.com)

30 minutes @ 13.50

20 minutes @ 9.00

**Our peripatetic music teachers have one thing in common**, which is a passion for communicating to young learners their enjoyment of making good quality music. At Vernon we feel we are very lucky to have such a strong team of professionals to work with.

Yours faithfully

Miss Swan



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