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(Piano Tuition)**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter explains the structure and cost of piano lessons available at Crawley Ridge Junior School. If you would like to proceed then contact me on the telephone number or email id given above, and I will be able to confirm whether there is a space available.

Lessons take place during school time. The lessons are scheduled on a rota system so your child will not miss the same lesson each week. Lessons are only available individually, for half an hour. There are 10 lessons per term, at a cost of £170 for the term.

In order for your child to learn the piano they MUST have an instrument available at home to practice on. This can be a piano, an electric (digital) piano ideally with weighted keys, or initially a small keyboard. If your child shows promise and is keen to progress on the instrument and you have a small keyboard, eventually you will need to progress to a larger digital piano or a piano. This can be a costly investment so it is wise to wait before deciding to purchase. If you have any queries about this then please feel free to contact me either by phone (01276 21531) or email ([he.downes@ntlworld.com](mailto:he.downes@ntlworld.com)).

**General Information:**

1. Fees are to be paid within the first two weeks of each term. Please make cheques payable to Mrs H.E.Downes. These can be sent to the address quoted above or given to your child to bring into their lesson or you can pay via Bank Transfer. Your child will be given a timetable of lessons for that term.
2. Refunds. If the scheduled number of lessons is not given due to my absence, either the following terms' fee will be reduced pro-rata or an extra lesson will be given in lieu.
3. Unfortunately lessons missed due to the student's absence cannot be refunded.
4. Parents/Guardians are requested to give no less than half a term's notice in writing to myself if the student no longer wishes to continue with lessons.
5. Please could you purchase Piano Adventures Primer Lesson & Theory by Faber UK Edition (published by Hal Leonard) once it is confirmed that your child has a place.

