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### Brass Lessons for children in Year 3

Please complete and return the attached form (including the insurance section) to the School Office by Wednesday 18 September at the latest

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that, our Year 3 children have had their first brass lesson today. The school pays for the actual brass tuition, which is provided by Mr Simon Barnes and takes place every Friday afternoon.

The chance to learn to play an instrument is not readily accessible to many children and their families, which is why this is such a fantastic opportunity for your child. The biggest obstacle, apart from the cost of tuition is the cost of the actual instrument. However, we are able to rent these brand new brass instruments at a cost of £8.50 per term. As school is paying for the tuition, we are asking if parents could pay for the actual hire of the instrument at £8.50 per term or £25.50 for the whole year. If financial circumstances would prevent you from doing so, please come and talk to me in complete confidence. If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, school will cover the cost of the hire of the instrument – please indicate on the attached reply slip.

The children will be learning to play a cornet, trumpet, trombone, tenor horn or a baritone. Following 2 weeks of assessments and trials, the best instrument for your child will be selected. Having a variety of instruments will enable a small ensemble to be easily formed. Lessons will be every Friday from 1:20pm – 2:10pm and your child should be bringing their instrument home this Friday. Please ensure that your home contents insurance will cover the instrument for loss, theft or damage. If you need an instrument valuation, please contact the school office who can assist with this.

Please complete the slip below in the appropriate place(s) and return to school by **Wednesday 18 September.**

I hope you do agree that this is a wonderful opportunity. Mr Barnes has already met the children, and they are looking forward to the experience. The children will be learning to read music from the very start and I hope that this will lead to enjoyment and fulfilment with this venture. I hope that you can support this by encouraging your child to practise at home.

Yours sincerely,

Becky Schofield  
Headteacher

*Working with the Diocese of Leeds and the Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale*



**Barkisland CE Primary School**  
**Brass tuition for Year 3 – 2019/20**

Name of child .....

I agree to pay 3 instalments of £8.50 to cover the rental cost of an instrument (£8.50 per term or £25.50 for the academic year)

***A text will be sent shortly in order for the payment to be made via School Money***

My child receives Pupil Premium Funding and the cost of instrument hire will therefore be covered by school

I can confirm that my home insurance policy will cover any loss, theft or damage to the instrument.

OR

My home insurance policy will not cover any loss, theft or damage to the instrument. Please note that if your home insurance does not cover this then your child will not be able to take their instrument home and may reflect in their progress.

(Please tick)

Signed ..... Parent / carer

Date .....

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