

The Up Strum Guitar Club is part of E SUSSEX MUSIC LESSONS. A growing initiative to offer perapatetic music lessons in Primary Schools. We are based primarily in Hastings but also cover / have covered areas within East Sussex including Hastings, St Leonards, Ore, Pevensey, Eastbourne and Seaford.

We believe music is a vital part of the National Curriculum and has been proven to exercise the brain in ways that core subjects cannot. Music should be an exciting outlet within education and a theraputic backdrop throughout early years into adult life.

We are offering opportunities to skilled musicians who are looking to work in Schools. We operate 36 weeks a year in Schools. We will offer (rolling upon) 12 week contracts to teach and help children develop their skills as all round musician.

Please familiarise yourself with our code of practice. (Last updated May 2021)

Code of practice

In Perapatetic music lessons we

1. Learning the instrument

Please use as much encouragement as possible and stick to the curriculum as foundation for lesson plans. If you have any ideas regarding the curriculum please let Nick know! After a lesson is completed please ensure you have filled out the progress table. We want to have fun as well as achieve!

Children are rewarded for practicing using the plectrum challenge, a six tiered curriculum for kids (as stated above) to help motivate them and mark their success (certificates and plectrums provided)

Lessons are easier if you have a laptop / ipad / tablet to hand. - that way you can get up our sheets / progress chart / metronomes / backing tracks.

2. Attitude

We recognise that children learn at different tempos. We will differentiate the learning where it's not possible to have similarly abled groups. We are very calm and patient and recognise any small step as a great feat. We want to work with teachers who have a positive and calm nature.

3. Child Behaviour policy

We implement a 3 strike behaviour policy - initially a chat to find out if everything is okay as behaviour is not what is expected in guitar lessons, after which a calm verbal warning , then if poor behaviour / disruption continues then the child is sent back to class (please notify Nick if 3 strikes are needed and he will let parents / teachers know) Please do not raise your voice to a child and remain calm.

A class behaviour agreement can be layed out ahead of a class and children should be reminded that everyone is respectful and quiet when others are playing or the teacher is talking.

4. Approachable.

We aim to be friendly to staff and respectful to the environment we teach in (please ensure rooms are left how they are found) We dress in a way in which doesn't

compromise the School's uniform policy too much... Feel free to use an Up Strum t-shirt ! Please also refrain from eating food/drink which is deemed unhealthy in front of the kids!

5. Child Protection

Please ensure / provide proof you're up to speed with Child Protection training. We provide free / certified training. (It's an online course which takes approx one hour) Some Schools will immediately require this before a new teacher can start at the School Concerning disclosures from children should always be reported to Nick. Who will then report to the School's safeguarding lead.

Groups

Guitar groups are largely operating in year groups instead of abilities.

Payment

Payment will be made upon Nick receiving a monthly invoice. Nick will need to know your UTR (Unique tax payers reference) Payment will be £25 per hour for 6-7 kids per hour. Or £30 per hour for 8+ kids per hour. (it's very rare that a group will surpass 4 children)

Sickness

If you are sick - we can rearrange a date / day for you to teach. In extenuating circumstances - perhaps where a day can't be rearranged Nick can cover for you.

Covid19

We have a COVID19 risk assesment which we are currently abiding by. Please familiarise yourself with this where/when applicable.

Other opportunities

We are currently putting together a book and possibly a learning app. We have been successful in the past with funding opportunities for extra curricular ideas like the above. If this is something which interests you there may be more work available!