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10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

We very much hope you enjoyed watching your child play their violin or cello in their performance this week and seeing just how much they have achieved. Our "Wider Opportunities" lessons have now come to an end, but we are sure that many of the children will want to carry on playing an instrument in Year 5. We are very proud of the many options offered at Barrow Hedges, so we are writing with some details.

Instrumental music lessons are available in Year 5, either individually or in small groups, and these take place during the school day. The cost varies according to the nature of the instrument, length of lesson, but, as a guide, this would vary from around £90 per term for group tuition to around £140 for individual lessons. Your child would need to have their own instrument, but thesecan often be hired from the Borough Music Service for a cost of £30 per term, reduced to £10 for children in receipt of pupil premium funding. Hiring is often the best choice to begin with, especially for string instruments.

## Continuing with violin and cello:

If your child is interested in carrying on with violin or cello, please send an email to <u>d.brooker@talk21.com</u> (for violin) or <u>ea@elizabethandrews.com</u> (for cello) by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

## Other instruments:

Your child's learning this year will have set them up well for a secure start on another instrument.Barrow Hedges offers a wide range of lessons, including piano, keyboard, flute, recorder, trumpet, trombone (and other brass instruments) guitar and drums. your child is interested in learning one of these instruments, then please look on <u>www.barrowhedges.com</u> under the "Parents" tab, and then under "Instrumental Tuition" and contact the teacher directly. It might also be possible to offer clarinet, saxophone and bassoon if there were sufficient demand. If your child is interested in playing one of these instruments, please email the school office marking it for the attention of Mr Brooker.



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questions.

Kind Regards

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