



**TRAFFORD
COUNCIL**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

St Matthew's Recorder Band

Trafford Music Service is delighted to be working with St Matthew's C E Primary School to **form a Junior Recorder Band**. The Recorder Band will be an ongoing project for the school and they hope it will be as successful as their school choir and sport teams. The school has secured funding to help support the band for three years to give St Matthew's children the chance they need to shine!

The band will be run as an afterschool club for juniors (Year 3-6). At the club, children will develop instrumental musical skills and learn a wide variety of pieces as well as take part in musical games which enhance their musical understanding. The band will perform to an audience once per term and at school events. They will also have a lot of fun!

Playing an instrument has great health benefits as well as helping your child to develop confidence and form stronger relationships with their peers and with adults in school. Learning music has also been shown to support and improve children's attainment in other areas of the curriculum, particularly in literacy and numeracy.

The club will start after October half term on Monday 6th of November and will run for 7 weeks until 21st December. This club will run all year during term time and there will be 11 sessions in Spring and a further 11 sessions in summer term. St Matthews are keen that this club is open to all junior age children who wish to attend and will use their funding to heavily subsidize places.

This is an incredible opportunity for your children and we are excited to continue working with St Matthew's to keep music shining brightly at the school.

Details:

Day: Monday's (starting on Monday 6th of November)

Time: 3.15 – 4.15

Cost: £1 per week plus for the club plus £2.50 initial cost of the recorder.

Costs :

Autumn term

Monday 6th November until Monday 18th December inclusive

6 weeks @ £1 per week = £7 plus £2.50 for the recorder

Total cost for Autumn term **£9.50**

Spring term

11 weeks @£ 1 per week = **£11**

Summer term

11 weeks @£1 per week = **£11**

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and places are limited. Recorders will be provided by the tutor on the first session. If your child already has a recorder you do not need to purchase a new one. Please just pay £8 for the autumn term.

Please see overleaf for the calendar dates for next term.

Start date for Autumn term: MONDAY 6th of November

You will be invoiced for the next term automatically and we will assume that pupils are continuing. Please send us an email to the address above if your child no longer wishes to continue at the end of this term.

HOW TO JOIN THE RECORDER CLUB

1. Visit www.traffordmusicservice.co.uk to register your child.
 - Choose *Ensembles*, *School Recorder club*, *Sign Up Now*,
 - Follow the online instructions to complete and submit the form.

2. To pay your child's membership fee, you then need to go to the council's Pay It page on the Trafford Council website : www.trafford.gov.uk/pay/music-service.aspx
 - Select Continue to pay at the Trafford Music Service link
 - Select *'School Ensembles / Clubs'* from the dropdown box at the top of the form
 - Fill in the rest of the form to complete payment
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If you do not have internet access, credit or debit card, it is still possible to join the club - please telephone the Music Service to book your place. Further information will be given over the phone.

Please note that your child must have officially joined the club in order to become a regular attender.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



**Ruth O'Keefe
Head of Service
Trafford Music Service**

Recorder Club Calendar Autumn 2017

Date	Activity	Personnel	Times
23 rd - 27 th October	Half Term Holiday		
30 th October	Recorder Club	E. Sharratt	15.15 – 16.15
6 th November	Recorder Club	E. Sharratt	15.15 – 16.15
13 th November	Recorder Club	E. Sharratt	15.15 – 16.15
20 th November	Recorder Club	E. Sharratt	15.15 – 16.15
27 th November	Recorder Club	E. Sharratt	15.15 – 16.15
4 th December	Recorder Club	E. Sharratt	15.15 – 16.15
11 th December	Recorder Club	E. Sharratt	15.15 – 16.15
18 th December	Rehearsal Informal Concert	E. Sharratt	15.15 – 15.45 15:45– 16:15