



North Tyneside Brass in Schools
www.ntbis.org.uk
at Balliol Primary School

in conjunction with:
North Tyneside Music Education Hub
Backworth Colliery Band

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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are delighted that your child shows continued interest and commitment to learn to play a musical instrument in our after-school brass group. We believe that your child will benefit enormously from home practice, as advised by our music tutors.

From lunchtime Thursday 24th November, there will be an instrument at the School Office for you to collect on behalf of your child. This will need to be signed for by yourself or another responsible adult. At a later date, we will also lend your child a music stand to take home to assist with their practice.

We hope that you will give your child every encouragement as they learn to play their chosen instrument. Who knows, they may be at the start of a life-long enjoyment of making music as a hobby, or even a professional career in music?

We appreciate that brass instruments can be very noisy, so we are including a duster "mute" that can be used to soften the noise when required!

There is no charge for the loan of instruments and other equipment, but you will be asked to agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. All instruments and other equipment belongs to North Tyneside Brass in Schools and/or North Tyneside Music Education Hub and is on loan to your child.
2. All instruments and other equipment lent to your child must be returned to the School when no longer needed by your child, or when your child leaves the School, or on request from the School.
3. The instruments and other equipment must be treated with care to avoid damage. They may only be used by your child and must not be lent to, or used by, any other person. They may only be used within School, your home or other agreed location.
4. In the event of a problem with the instrument or other equipment (e.g. sticky valve or slide), it must be returned to the School so that one of the music tutors can check it.
5. Please do not attempt to dismantle any instrument valves as they are delicate and may be broken if not handled correctly.
6. If your child is unsure how to use the equipment, they should wait and ask one of our music tutors at the next brass group session.
7. There is no charge for the loan of instruments and other equipment. However, we reserve the right to charge for the loss of, or damage to, the instruments and other equipment if this appears to be through neglect or misuse.
8. Your child should bring their instrument into School every week for the brass group sessions.

Regards

Gavin Dudley, Administrator, North Tyneside Brass in Schools