

Instrument Hire to Young People



- Did you know Dorset Music Service directly hire a wide range of instruments to children and young people at a low cost? .
- Prices start from as little as £63 per year, dependant on the instrument.
- Funding support is available to cover up to 100% of the cost for eligible pupils
- You can collect/return by appointment from our Blandford office.
- All instruments are in top condition as our specialist technician ensures they are well maintained.
- Hire is on an annual basis from the month of hire.
- For questions email **dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk**
- You can request an instrument online via our website;

www.dorsetandsomersetmusichub.org.uk

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Viola	French Horn	Alto Saxophone
Violin	Tenor Horn	Clarinet
Classical Guitar	Trombone	Flute
Electric Guitar	Trumpet	Euphonium
Bass Guitar	Baritone Horn	Oboe
Cello	Tuba	Piccolo
Double Bass	Bass Trombone	Specialist Clarinet
	Cornet	Bassoon
		Specialist Saxophone



Instrument sizing - a rough guide

Violin and Viola

How to measure... With your child's arm fully extended and out in front of them, measure in centimetres from the neck to the middle of the palm.

Instrument Size	Arm measurement	Age of child
1/4 size violin	47-51cm	6 to 7
1/2 size violin	52-56cm	7 to 8
3/4 size violin	57-60cm	9 to 11
Full size violin	More than 60cm	11 plus
14" Viola	59-63cm	N/A

Classical Guitar

Size of instrument	Height of child	Age of child
1/4 size guitar	3'3" to 3'9"	4 to 6
1/2 size guitar	3'10 to 4'5"	5 to 8
3/4 size guitar	4'6" to 4'11"	8 to 11
Full size guitar	5' and over	11 and over

Cello and Double Bass

Size of instrument	Age of child
1/4 size cello	6 to 8
1/2 size cello	8 to 10
3/4 size cello	10 to 12
1/4 size double bass	7 to 9
1/2 size double bass	9 to 13

Terms and Conditions of hire:

- Instruments are hired out on an annual basis from the month of hire. Refunds are not applicable where an instrument is returned prior to the end of the hire period.
- Instruments must be collected and returned to our Blandford office at the start and end of your hire period.
- Replacement of strings and reeds are the responsibility of the hirer.
- All instruments must be returned in the same condition they were issued in.
- We strongly recommend that you insure the instruments through your household insurance to cover any loss or damage incurred.