



**BMS**  
Brent Music Service

All enquiries and payments for instrumental/vocal lessons **MUST** be made directly to your child's school.

For all other enquiries, please speak with your instrumental/vocal tutor or your school's music co-ordinator.

Further information can be found at:  
**Web:** [www.brent.gov.uk/bms](http://www.brent.gov.uk/bms)  
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ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA



# Welcome to Brent Music Service

We are delighted that you have chosen Brent Music Service to provide music lessons for your child. BMS provides music tuition in many Brent schools and our tutors are trained specialists, able to give your child the best possible start in their musical journey.

The BMS tutor will visit your child's school and teach 33 lessons during the school year.

## What You Will Need

### ● Instrument

You can hire the following instruments, subject to availability, from BMS:

trumpet; trombone; french horn; flute; clarinet; oboe; bassoon; saxophone; violin; viola; cello.

All other instruments will need to be purchased. We strongly recommend you ask your BMS tutor for advice before purchasing an instrument.

### ● Music Stand

Recommended for home practice; promotes good playing posture.

### ● Music Book

The BMS tutor will advise which book to purchase.

### ● Practice Journal

The BMS tutor will give your child their first practice journal. This journal will help your child to remember what they should practise at home and also allows the tutor to communicate with you. If you need to send a message to the BMS tutor, please write a note in their practice journal.

## Practice and Progress

- The BMS tutor will ensure that your child is aware of what to practise at home, and will write instructions in their practice journal.
- Please encourage your child to practise at home for around 10-15 minutes every day.
- Your child will only make real progress if they practise regularly.
- Certificates are awarded each term if your child has made the expected progress.
- Children are often entered for Grade examinations\*, usually after a year or two of lessons (depending on the instrument).

*\*There are currently no public examinations available for steel pan or Indian instruments.*

## Further Opportunities for Your Child

Once your child has made good progress and reached the required level, they can audition to join a BMS ensemble. There are a range of bands, orchestras and choirs they can take part in at our Evening Centres. More information can be found on our website at [www.brent.gov.uk/bms](http://www.brent.gov.uk/bms).