

Junior, Intermediate string and choral groups are available for pupils in Blackbirds Group upwards to develop music reading skills and general musicianship (please see the music centre activity sheet or for more details visit the Warwickshire Music website at www.warwickshiremusic.org).

Group Playing

This is an integral part of the Suzuki method.

It builds on the work done in lessons and in practice at home.

Children enjoy playing together and hearing more advanced pieces being played. This motivates them to further practice and provides performance opportunities from the very beginning.

In their first year of learning children will be invited to observe a main group workshop. Swallows (beginners) start workshops in October but are welcome to come and observe the September play together at 11.20am.

Dates of all group events are given overleaf.

It is essential that you attend these sessions and that you do so regularly.

Lessons

You will need to:

attend every lesson with your child
listen and watch carefully - and make notes

The teacher will explain what to do and how you should practise at home.

Home

You help your child with their daily practice, paying attention to the instructions given in the lesson.

Practise only five or ten minutes daily at first; more as the child progresses.

Ideally, make a regular time for practice.

Listening

You and your child should listen daily to a recording of the music the child is learning.

This is very important for the development of aural memory and sense of pitch.

Music Reading

Music reading is not introduced until the child has mastered the basic playing techniques and developed his/her musical memory. Then he/she will be taught to read music and be able to join an orchestra or a similar group as appropriate.

What is involved?

The Suzuki Method was developed in Japan by Dr. Suzuki and has been successfully adapted by teachers worldwide.

Dr. Suzuki believed that every child has a musical talent which will flourish given the right environment.

Parents, working closely with the teacher, teach their children to play the violin in the same way they taught them how to speak:-

with constant encouragement

constant listening

constant repetition

Children are usually ready to start lessons between the ages of 4 and 7. Violins are available to suit even the smallest child.

Parental Involvement

You do not require a musical background to be a good "Suzuki" parent.

It is, however, a considerable commitment and you do need patience, dedication and time to help your child if the method is to be successful.

Suzuki String Group Friends'

We have an active Friends' group whose members provide practical help in assisting to organise workshops, concerts and other activities.

Parents of all registered children are eligible to join the Friends' and parents are encouraged to help with small tasks such as setting out teaching rooms and serving refreshments at workshops.

Fees

Beginners £16.00 per term
(in their first year of learning)

Beginners workshops start in October 2018 and last from 9am - 9.45am (45 minutes)

Main Group £32.00 per term
(from second year of learning)

The sibling discount is now 50% for a second child and free for third and subsequent children.

Invoices will be sent before the start of each term and lessons can only be stopped by giving notice in writing a minimum of 4 weeks before the end of the music centre term. Failure to do so will result in full charges for the following term.

All fees must be paid in advance. We regret pupils will not be able to attend activities until fees are received and no refunds will be made for late payment.

Please see the Warwickshire Music Group Activities Sheet which covers all other group activities and individual tuition.

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Calendar of Events 2018-2019

Kenilworth School, Upper School Site,
Leyes Lane,
Kenilworth CV8 2DA

Beginners Group 9.00 - 9.45am

10.00 - 12.00am

Autumn Term 2018

Sept	29	Workshop (<i>not beginners</i>)
Oct	20	Workshop
Nov	17	Workshop
Dec	15	Workshop

Spring Term 2019

Jan	26	Workshop
Mar	16	Workshop & AGM

Summer Term 2019

Apr	6	Workshop
May	18	Workshop
June	15	Workshop & Concert (Venue TBC)

CENTRAL WARWICKSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE

Suzuki String Group

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