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*RE: Woodwind lessons at your child's school; places available from September, from just £6.20**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have recently visited your child's school as I am hoping to start some new woodwind groups for year 4 upwards** in the Autumn term and there are limited places still available. (Current Year 6 can also sign up for spaces in their new school.)

I will be offering lessons on bassoon, flute and clarinet, to start in September.

To see a video of the woodwind family playing together, click [here](#).
For those people not familiar with the bassoon, you can see me talk a bit more about it [here](#), and see me play a bassoon quartet by myself [here](#)! As the only bassoon specialist currently working for OCMS, this is an opportunity not offered to all schools.

I am a qualified Music Teacher, teaching in primary and secondary schools for OCMS all over the county for the last 21 years. I also have a 11 year old daughter who plays both piano and cello, so am experienced from both a teacher and parent perspective!

Learning an instrument is a wonderful experience for young people, both on a musical and social level. There are many studies to support the belief that music can help pupils in other areas of learning, as well as boosting pupils' confidence. You can read more about the benefits of learning [here](#).

The Oxfordshire County Music Service is an “**Outstanding Music Service**” with an international reputation. It offers weekly instrumental tuition and other activities for your instrumentalist including Saturday Music Centres, ensembles and youth orchestras (including two which tour internationally). By using OCMS teachers, pupils can have lessons in school and have access to all of this at their fingertips.

In most cases OCMS are able to offer instrument hire at very competitive rates. Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free lessons, instrument hire and ensemble membership. Please [contact us](#) at to check eligibility before making an application for lessons.

To register your interest, and get other information, please visit <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest> and click on 'Apply for Lessons'. Act now to allow for timetabling and a prompt start in September.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly; lucy.robertson@oxfordshire.gov.uk or you can call the Music Service office on 01865 816990.

Thank you for your interest.

Best wishes,

Lucy Robertson

** Price is dependent on group size*

*** Children need to have their front top adult teeth, and arms and hands big enough to manage their instruments. In some cases we have smaller versions of instruments to allow earlier starts, but physical limitations mean that some instruments may not be suitable until your child has grown a little!*

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