### Information relating to all instrument choices

- Options available include hire to buy, rental, purchase and source from family or friends
- It is very important that instruments are in good working order and ready to start tuition
- If you purchase via EBay, please be prepared to pay for it to be serviced before use
- Do not buy the cheapest instrument you can find as often these inhibit learning and often do not work!
- Ensure you purchase the necessary care products for your instrument

| All students need a clear page folder to put notes and copies of music into |

**Brass & Woodwind Instruments** – Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba
- Instruments can be hired or purchased (limited instruments are available for hire at school - email to enquire)
- It is very important to have a cleaning kit for your instrument (ask at the music store)
- Clarinet and saxophone students will need about 5 reeds to start (ask for ‘Rico Royal 1.5’)

**Percussion**
- You do not need to buy a drum kit straight away……however they will want one eventually!
- You will need a percussion pack which includes a snare drum, glockenspiel, stands and drum sticks
- This is available to hire or purchase

**Guitar**
- Due to the cost of purchasing guitars, hire is not an option
- Ensure you are measured for the correct size guitar (do not buy something to grow into!)
- Your guitar will need to have good quality nylon strings (bad quality will break quickly) and a case / bag
- Purchase a footstool for home practice (we have these to use at school)

**Piano**
- It is essential to have a keyboard / electric piano at home to practice
- This needs to be a good quality instrument with full sized weighted keys (very important)

**Singing**
- Students will need a CD / cassette player to play accompaniments and / or backing tracks

**Strings** - Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
- A good quality instrument with good quality strings and a string case
- Make sure you get the right size instrument for your child, they come in ¼, ½, ¾ and full sizes
- Ensure you get a cleaning / maintenance kit (rosin etc.) and a spare set of strings

**Rental**
- Perform Music Rentals - [www.performmusicrentals.com](http://www.performmusicrentals.com)

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