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# Terms of Contract for Regular Term-Time Piano Lessons

## Fees, attendance and cancellation

1. Regular piano lessons will take place on a weekly basis during school term time.
2. The fee is £22.00 for a 30-minute lesson. This will continue to be reviewed annually in line with the recommendations of the Musicians' Union.
3. The Parent/Carer is responsible for ensuring that the Student is available for the arranged lesson. If the student is late for the lesson, the lesson will still finish at the agreed time.
4. If the student is unable to attend the regular lesson, provided that **24 hours notice** is given, the teacher will attempt to reschedule the lesson for another mutually convenient time/day. If it is not possible to reschedule the lesson, the usual lesson fee will apply.
5. If the student is unable to attend the regular lesson and **less than 24 hours notice** is provided then it will not be possible to rearrange the lesson and the usual lesson fee will apply.
6. If the teacher has to cancel the lesson or is unavailable to teach for any reason, there will be no charge for the lesson. Where payment for this lesson has already been made, the cost of the cancelled lesson will be deducted from the following term's tuition fee.
7. A decision to discontinue lessons may be made by either party, in which case **four weeks' written notice** shall be given by the party seeking to discontinue. In the event that the student discontinues lessons with insufficient notice, the Student/Parent/Carer will be liable to pay fees for lessons not taken during the notice period.
8. It may be possible to schedule extra lessons during holiday periods or at any other time by mutual agreement.
9. Neither party shall be liable to the other party for any breach by the other of any of the terms and conditions herein occasioned by pandemic, any act of God, war, revolution, riot, civil disturbance, strike, lock-out, flood, fire or other cause not reasonably within the control of such party.

## Safeguarding & Privacy Policy

10. The Teacher will provide clear safeguarding and privacy statements. These policies can be viewed at: **piano.davidbixter.co.uk**
11. The Parent/Carer is responsible for informing the Teacher of any medical conditions which may affect the student's tuition or learning experience.
12. The Teacher has an enhanced DBS certificate.
13. As a member of the European Piano Teachers' Association, the Teacher is covered by public and product liability insurance.

## Attainment and Progress

14. The teacher will provide online lesson notes to support daily practice at home.[1]

16. The Student should have access to an appropriate instrument for their daily practice.[2]

17. Please note that the Student should receive tuition from only one teacher and that any other piano lessons should be discontinued.[3]

18. It is important to note that whilst a Teacher will use their best endeavours to ensure the Student makes satisfactory progress, this cannot be guaranteed. Careful regular practice as advised by the Teacher is a prerequisite of success on any musical instrument or in any musical endeavour.

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[1] Lesson notes are provided using Microsoft OneNote - parents/carers will be provided with a unique link/URL to access these notes on any web browser. A Microsoft account may be required in order to view the online notes, this is free and can be created here: Create Microsoft Account

[2] This can be either an acoustic piano or electric piano with weighted touch-sensitive keyboard. Please note that many electric keyboards lack this feature, which is essential to allow expressive playing and musical development. Please contact the teacher if you require any advice.

[3] Receiving tuition on the same instrument from more than one teacher can be counterproductive. Different teachers have varying approaches to tuition which can be confusing for the Student when applied concurrently. In addition to this, having work set by two teachers can require twice the amount of daily practice, which can be overwhelming for the Student and have a negative effect on their progress and enjoyment of playing.