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IMPORTANT LETTER TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers

Below is some important information, some of which requires you to take immediate action. Thank you in advance for this.

Prices

The prices from April and September 2009 have already been sent to you. Additionally, you can find them at our websites www.fmc.ukpages.org

As a traded service we rely entirely on our income from parents. Any Government money we receive is targeted at Junior School Whole Class Instrumental and Vocal Tuition Projects.

From next term, Autumn Term 2009, you will be sent an invoice for Music Centre and required to pay before the term starts, payable by the end of this term. To ensure you do not receive an invoice unnecessarily you are also required to give a half term's notice if your child is leaving either groups/lessons at the music centres or lessons in school. This also ensures we do not issue our teachers with contracts that you will then have to honour.

We are currently giving over £40,000 per year in discounts and this cannot continue if we are to remain solvent. Therefore we propose to phase out the present system of discounts and introduce a new one.

The new system of discounts will:

- 1) Continue to give discounts to students attending certain multiple groups
- 2) Better target those with more than one child attending certain groups at music centre
- 3) Continue to support families on certain benefits.
- 4) Continue to subsidise students of minority instruments

See separate sheet for details of the new system of discounts.

Our service continues to be valued enormously by students, parents and schools. It is unfortunate that price rises are inevitable and we will continue to try to offer value for money. Cont...

Improving Communication

To provide a more comprehensive service and for better communication with our parents and carers we are planning to provide a free email and texting service through Parentmail.

To prepare for this we need to update our database and ask you to please complete the attached form and return it to your child's teacher or conductor at the next session. You may also return it by post to the address at the top of this letter. Alternatively you can find this form on our websites to download and send it back either personally as above or send the details via email to ann.russell@barnet.gov.uk.

All information provided will be treated as confidential and in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Ways to Contact Us

East Barnet Music Centres: www.ebmc.ukpages.org

Finchley Music Centre: www.fmc.ukpages.org

Hendon Music Centre: www.hmc.ukpages.org

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Yours sincerely

Lynn Holman-Fox
Head of Music Service

Discounts from Spring Term 2010

Applies **only** to Barnet Youth Orchestra, Barnet Youth Wind Orchestra, Brass Band, Saturday 'Full Morning' Groups, Scholarships for 'minority instruments'

Detail	Discounts ¹ to be applied on activities listed above from Summer Term 2010
Students who receive Free School Meals. (confidential termly details required)	100% discount for activities listed above
Attendance at multiple groups	100% discount on 2 nd and subsequent groups listed above
Siblings	10% discount on ALL siblings (<u>including</u> 1 st child) for the activities listed at the top of this table.
Scholarships (certain minority instruments)	Free use of instrument for as long as the students are attending music centre groups which will continue to be free forever where they are playing their minority instrument in the groups at music centres. Free tuition for 2 terms at music centre, then 50% discount for a further term, then full price.
Recorder Lessons/Young Music Makers package	10% of total price of the package

¹only one discount given per family

Hire Scheme Prices from September 2009

(See websites for up to date information)

Instrument	Price per term (£)	Price per year (£)
Violins	16.50	40.00
All other instruments	31.00	75.00

Exceptions: Minority instruments (oboes, bassoons, double bass, viola, tuba, french horn), free if playing these instruments in a group at Music Centre.

Update of contact details (Summer Term 2009)

Students' Details	
Students' Names	Groups attended

Parent/Carer 1				
Name	Email address	Mobile number	Landline number (home)	Landline number (work)

Parent/Carer 2				
Name	Email address	Mobile number	Landline number (home)	Landline number (work)

Parent's/Carer's Signature _____ Date _____
