

Guitar Lessons For Children



HOW DO I CHOOSE THE RIGHT TEACHER FOR MY CHILD?

Always make certain the teacher is CRB cleared and is an experienced teacher for the age group and style of playing which interests your child.

MY STORY

I have been teaching children to play acoustic and classical guitar privately from home for many years. I also teach guitar at Warwickshire College and have been teaching for the college for eight years.

I'm a Musicians Union Learning Advisor and a member of the Registry of Guitar Tutors - using standard MU / RGT teaching contracts. I also offer LCM graded exam tuition and entry.

I particularly enjoy working with 8 - 14 year olds. I generally prefer not to teach electric guitar although there are always exceptions. Parents are actively encouraged to remain in the teaching room during lessons.

LEARNING MATERIALS / GUITAR BOOKS

The majority of my lessons are based on books with CD's, which enable children to practise at home. Most recommended books will last 6 to 12 weeks (or longer) and are relatively inexpensive, starting from around £5 - £10. I am also able to supply exam books.

I use clearly illustrated books, easy for the novice reader and parent, guiding children through the rudiments of reading music. Books are supplemented with music, games, flashcards and songs, which I have developed specifically for use with young learners.

Lessons should continue for around 6 weeks, by that time you will know if your child wishes to continue playing. Many youngsters experiment with guitar playing, some will continue, others eventually choose another pastime.

GUITAR PRACTISE

Ideal practise time is 20 minutes three times a week. Children will play more often or for longer periods of time as their repertoire increases.

LESSON TIMES

My teaching availability is 16.00 - 19.00 weekdays (subject to vacancies) and 9am until 5pm on Saturday. Lessons for beginners start at £12 for 30 minutes or £18 for forty-five minutes. Ten percent discount is available for monthly pre-payment.

GROUP / SIBLING SESSIONS

Children respond well to small group sessions with brothers, sisters and friends. This is similar to learning in school; it feels 'familiar', not 'scary'. Maximum numbers three children.

CHOOSING A SUITABLE INSTRUMENT

When purchasing a guitar for your child, I would recommend a visit to a specialist shop. Many of the shops in the area know me well and if you mention your child is a student of mine you may receive a discount on your purchase.

MAKING CONTACT

To enquire about lessons or to see whether I can help your child telephone 01926 314191 or email me.

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