

Advice For Grown Ups

How to support your child in learning a musical instrument

Support For Beginners

- Let your child practise near you if they want to
- Daily practice of 5-10 mins
- Have a regular practice time
- Keep the instrument safely on display, ready to play, if possible
- Organise sheet music so your child can always find it
- Use a practice dairy to help establish good practice habits
- Encourage regular cleaning of particularly wind and brass instruments
- Praise your child while they practise

Support For Improvers

- Check your child is aware of practice tips so that they can improve and have fun
- Daily practise of 15-20 mins
- Use a metronome or equivalent
- Encourage your child to join a music group
- Enable them to listen and watch the music they will be playing
- Set a time when they play to the family
- Introduce them to composers' websites
- Make sure that your child plays non-exams pieces for fun
- Record completed pieces and compositions as they go along

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EDUCATION

Taking music further

Success in music does not only mean playing an instrument. Encourage your young person to find out more about these careers as well.

- **Composer:** write music for orchestras-bands-films-television-adverts
- **Sound engineer:** record band and musicians in a recording studio-manage the sound system in live performances
- **Musician:** perform in a band or orchestra or on your own
- **Teacher:** teach children how to either sing or play instruments in primary or secondary schools
- **Music therapist:** use music to help support the disabled-those with emotional and mental health problems
- **Tour manager:** organise tours for bands and orchestras-book venues around the worlds and transportation
- **DJ:** engage and entertain an audience by selecting tracks that with fit the mood of the crowd

How to support your young person if they feel bored or despondent with music.

- Take your child to a concert
- Encourage them to find musicians they like
- Get music and recordings of their favourite musician
- Find out about local music groups
- Allow them to play to backing tracks
- Encourage them to listen to compositions by other pupils
- Consider giving treats for regular practices
- Be around when they practice