

# Orley Farm School



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*Appointment of  
Peripatetic Music Teacher - Violin*

## Background

Orley Farm School is a leading co-educational independent preparatory school set in 34 acres on beautiful grounds. We are a friendly, stable and caring community, proud of our academic achievements and dedicated to bringing out the full potential of each of our 500 pupils.

## The Role

We are looking for an inspirational teacher of the violin who excels at teaching. Our ethos is for every child to appreciate and enjoy music and gain the necessary practical and theoretical skills in their instrumental lessons and their class lessons. Our motto is 'music for life'.

The successful candidate will be expected to teach in school 5 hours per week (a total of 10 pupils) with the potential for more pupils coming on board across the term. The candidate will be able to develop their pupil's musicianship not only through solo playing, but through building a wide instrumental repertoire, practicing sight reading, and helping their pupils take advantage of our ensemble and solo opportunities. There is scope to lead and start ensembles in the school.

## About us

Children begin instrumental lessons at Year 2 and the girls carry on until Year 6 and the boys until Year 8. Music is a big part of life at Orley Farm School where children enjoy their music lessons and classes. They have a chance to learn an orchestral instrument from Year 2, and the majority of the children in the school take instrumental lessons of some kind, either in the school with one of our 14 visiting music teachers or with teachers outside of school.

Children have many opportunities to perform individually and in ensembles across the year, either in concerts, productions, showcases, assemblies or informal concerts. For string players, there are many ensembles on offer, including Junior Strings (Year 3 and 4), Vivaldi Strings (Year 5 and 6), Senior String Ensemble (Year 6 to 8), Chamber Orchestra (Year 6 to 8), and Year 5 String Quartet and Year 6 String Quartet.

Singing forms the core of musical learning at Orley Farm, and many of the children sing in one of our four choirs. In music class lessons from Year 1 to Year 4, children learn over 100 songs through the Kodaly method and rhythm through takadimi syllables.

In music class lessons from Year 4 to Year 8, children are encouraged to bring their instruments to music class, form small ensembles, read and play music, develop their improvisation skills and learn how to use music technology.

## Availability

We are looking for the Violin teacher to start in January 2022. Violin is a very popular instrument amongst the pupils of Orley Farm, and the demand for more violin lessons is growing. There are currently 10 pupils that you will be teaching, each having a lesson of 30 minutes every week.

We are keen to grow our violin department, and there is scope for two full days of teaching. You will join a dynamic string department of two other violin teachers and two cello teachers.

## Qualifications

Graduate with an appropriate degree, e.g. B.A., ARCM, LRAM or PGCE.

## Experience

The applicant will have had experience teaching children from KS1 to KS3 and also leading children's string ensembles. This should be thoroughly detailed in the CV. Experience with the Kodaly method of teaching is desirable.

## Pay

The violin teacher, and all visiting music teachers, are paid directly by parents at a rate of £23.00 per 30 minute lesson. The violin teacher is seen as self-employed by the school, and they pay a fee of £10 per term to hire their teaching room.

The post-holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom s/he is responsible, or with whom s/he comes into contact, will be adhered to ensure compliance with the school's Child Protection Policy Statement at all times. If, in the course of carrying out their duties, the post-holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the school, s/he must report their concerns to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead in line with School Policy or to the Headmaster.

This position is subject to an enhanced check with the Disclosure and Barring Service in the event of a successful application.

### **The Application Process**

Suitability for the post will be measured through the application form, interview process, supporting evidence, e.g., certificates, and references undertaken. Copies will be taken of ID documents and qualification certificates when invited for an interview and will be only be kept on file if your application is successful. If you are unsuccessful all copied documents will be destroyed confidentially and securely.

Applications should consist of a covering letter and the school's application form. CVs will not be accepted in place of the School's application form. Candidates should complete the application form provided with details of qualifications and experience and the names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of two professional referees, one of whom should be the Head of their present or most recent school.

Please email these directly to Purvi Patel, HR Manager, at **HR@orleyfarm.harrow.sch.uk** or by post to **Purvi Patel, HR Manager, Orley Farm School, South Hill Avenue, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 3NU**. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the role further, please contact Purvi Patel on **020 8869 7602**. All applications will be acknowledged and candidates who have not heard from us further a week after the closing date should assume that the post has been filled.

As the information contained in the application form is used during the selection process, it is essential that you complete all sections as fully as possible. If you need more space, please continue on a separate sheet of paper.

Orley Farm School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

**The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

## **How to apply**

Please note that we cannot accept CV's - all applicants must complete the application form via our website.

Please send your completed Orley Farm School application form to:

Purvi Patel, HR Manager  
Orley Farm School  
South Hill Avenue  
Harrow,  
HA1 3NU

Or alternatively, email to [hr@orleyfarm.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:hr@orleyfarm.harrow.sch.uk)