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### **Whole class ukulele tuition for year 4 (current year 3)**

Dear Year 3 parents

I am very excited to inform you that when your child is in Year 4 they will be learning ukulele in whole class music lessons. We are using some of our music funding to support this and a tutor from Enfield Music Service (EMS) will be coming in to teach the children. I can play ukulele myself so will be there in a supporting role.

The children will have 2 full terms learning how to play ukulele. However, I am still waiting for confirmation from EMS as to whether it will be autumn and spring term or spring and summer.

I wanted to pass this information to you now as you may be thinking about getting individual music lessons for your child next academic year. I don't want to dissuade you from this but just to advise that paid ukulele lessons won't be necessary as your child will be taught them for free during class time.

The children can use one of the 31 school ukuleles during lessons but cannot take them home as they will be shared between classes. However if you wish to buy your child a ukulele, I highly recommend this so that they can practise at home and make swift progress. If they want to bring their own ukulele to school on the day of the lesson they may, but as we have some here it's not necessary.

If you wish to purchase a ukulele, there is a music shop in Enfield: The North London Music Centre, 226-228 Baker St, EN1 3JY. They will need either a soprano or tenor ukulele. I recommend supporting your local music shop as you can always get advice from them too. Here is a link if you would like to buy one on Amazon. The price usually starts at £20 - I wouldn't recommend buying one cheaper than £17 though.

[Amazon ukulele for sale](#)

They come in many different colours but should always be brought in in a case, preferably padded or hard as the thin cases don't have much protection.

As soon as I know when children will start their whole class lessons I will let you know. But for now, I hope the children are excited and you have the option to buy if you so wish.

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If you have any questions, please email me via the office or come and speak to me on the year 3 playground on Wednesday mornings or Friday afternoons when I teach year 3.

Kind regards

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