

Teaching Agreement for Guitar Lessons with Luke Aylward

This does not include lessons in schools, each school have their own service agreement with me, which is emailed to you before lessons start.

Tuition is offered subject to payment of fees. By accepting tuition you are agreeing to the following terms and conditions.

I specialise in teaching students aged 11 and above. While I generally focus on teenagers and adults, I may consider younger students if they demonstrate exceptional independence, maturity, and the ability to stay focused and work hard without frequent prompting. Younger students must also be capable of learning in a manner similar to older students to align with my teaching style.

In addition, all students — regardless of age — are expected to learn to tune their own guitar within a few weeks of starting lessons to ensure we make the most of our session time. Guitar playing is both mathematical and physical, requiring patience, focus, and consistent effort. When you do that, you'll experience just how fun, rewarding, and awesome playing the guitar can be.

Prices:

30 minute lesson £20

60 minute lesson £40

Block bookings of 6 or 10 paid in advance are available with discount

6 X 30 minute lessons £116

10 X 30 minute lessons £180

6 X 1 hour lessons £236

10 X 1 hour lessons £360

Students will only receive lessons that have been paid for in advance and by the due date on the invoice. Or if cash in hand before I leave the house, build up of debt will result in lessons being terminated.

No refunds will be given for students who stop attending lessons before a block has finished.

If your bank account name doesn't clearly include your name, please put your child's name as a reference

Every effort will be made to reschedule lessons on the regular teaching day if at least a weeks notice is given of the student's inability to attend but this cannot be guaranteed.

If you have a regular time slot you must attend every week during term time according to my schedule, these spaces are in very high demand and cannot be cancelled. However there are alternative options providing at least an hours notice is given to prepare my workspace...

1. If the student is ill or isolating lessons can still take place via FaceTime, Zoom, or Whatsapp
2. You can ask a question and I'll make a video that answers it in detail which I'll share with you via google drive, which you can study at a convenient time for you
3. You can submit a video of yourself playing something and maybe even ask about any troubled sections and I can upload a video response to your drive folder
4. I just upload a video demonstrating or explaining the next tasks that you can do in your own time when it suits you. I may also include PDF worksheets.

Please see video on file sharing via google drive, go to YouTube and search:
How to share and save files - Luke Aylward

During the school holidays in relation to my working schedule, lessons can be cancelled if 48 hours notice is given, without this the full fee will unfortunately be charged *regardless of reason*.

An alternative session will be offered should it be necessary for me to cancel a lesson.

It is the responsibility of the parents/student to provide guitars, books and other equipment, such as plectrums, capos, footstools and electric guitar leads.

Trial Lesson

Before booking a block of lessons, we'll have a 30 minute trial lesson to see if we're a good fit, after this there's no obligation for either side to continue or give reasons. Please note the trial lesson is charged at £20.

Stopping lessons

Should you wish to stop regular lessons I require 2 weeks notice so I'm able to fill the space

In the unlikely event of aggressive or totally unacceptable behaviour, lessons will unfortunately be terminated immediately

Equipment and rental

Students must have instruments and equipment that are in good working order, very low priced guitars generally do not come into this category.

Second hand guitars must be purchased from or checked over by a trusted guitar shop, or a qualified respected guitar technician with verified online reviews, any faults must be fixed immediately.

Shops I recommend

Both of these shops are great for both buying equipment and having repairs done
Intersound Dursley: 56 Parsonage St, Dursley GL11 4AA
A Remus Sound: 177A Barton St, Gloucester GL1 4HY

Guitar Rental

As an alternative to purchasing a guitar, you can rent one from me for the price of £22 a month paid in advance, any damage caused during time of rental must be paid for by the parent.

Nails

Nails on the left hand must be short enough to press the string down without daylight escaping, without this it's impossible to play guitar. I recommend cutting the left hand nails on the same day/time each week and setting a phone reminder on repeat, that's what I do.

Practice

Guitar can feel tricky at first — six strings, 20 frets — but with regular practice, it becomes incredibly rewarding. Like sports, languages, or any skill, the effort you put in leads to real progress. To keep improving, a minimum of four practice sessions per week is compulsory — five if you're tackling an exam, gig, or challenging piece. The more you commit, the more fun it becomes — unlocking songs, boosting creativity, and building confidence along the way.

Dogs

While I'm sure your dog is a wonderful companion, all dogs — no matter how well-behaved — must be kept away from the lesson, myself, and my equipment. Dogs are unpredictable and can be distracting, which isn't ideal for focused learning. This rule applies to every dog, without exception. Keeping lessons calm and productive is my priority, and ensuring a dog-free space helps make that possible. Thanks for your understanding.

Acceptance

I have read and fully accept the terms of this agreement. Signed by the parent)

_____ Date _____