

## Flute and Nuvo Toot lessons are coming to Dovelands!



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to announce that the Nuvo Toot and flute lessons will be starting at Dovelands Primary School from the New Year!

Nuvo Toot and flute lessons will be available to children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) and will initially be on Monday afternoons at school.

So, what is a Toot?

The Nuvo Toot is a small, lightweight plastic 'mini-flute' with soft silicone keys. This innovative little instrument is a fantastic introduction to playing a woodwind instrument. It makes a pleasant, pipe-like sound and it is easy to make a tone, right from the beginning. After learning the instrument for a while, most children decide to then transition onto the flute or onto one of the other wind instruments. Everything that is learned on the Toot will work directly on the flute!

My name is Dana Morgan and I am the new Toot and Flute teacher for Dovelands Primary School. I have had many years of experience in the fields of education and professional musical performance.

I currently teach for Francis Holland School Regent's Park and the Universities of Nottingham and Sheffield. I also worked as the flute teacher at Leicester Grammar School and Leicester Grammar Junior School for many years, before having a career break to have my daughter.

After training at the Royal Northern College of Music, I have performed throughout the UK and internationally as a flutist, from performing with orchestras and as a soloist, to presenting children's concerts and playing world/fusion music and jazz. However, I really love bringing the joy of music to children and I am so pleased to now have the opportunity to teach flute lessons at the school!

Music lessons have been shown to be a great way to boost learning across the academic curriculum too, as music uniquely involves both sides of the brain, as well as promoting listening, creativity, teamwork and attention to detail.

Learning the Toot and/or the flute is a marvellous way for children to have fun making music with their friends in a duo or a trio, although individual lessons can allow for faster progress.



Costs of lessons are as follows:

2 students in 20 minutes or 3 students in 30 minutes:	£6.50 per lesson per week
2 students in 30 minutes:	£9.65 per lesson per week
1 student in 20 minutes:	£12.85 per lesson per week
1 student in 30 minutes:	£19.25 per lesson per week

I am happy to accept online payment and details will be sent to you directly should your child wish to take up Toot or flute lessons.



More about the Toot:

The Toot comes with two mouthpieces which can clip on and off the instrument, the first being like a recorder in that it produces an instant sound, with the second mouthpiece being the same as for a flute or piccolo.

The soft silicone keys make note production straightforward for little fingers, so after just a few lessons, most pupils can play simple songs and tunes and even make up their own music! I will normally advise when a pupil is ready to 'step up' onto the flute, if that is also the wish of the pupil.

Toots come in an array of attractive colours, with the body of the instrument being either white or black and key colours coming in a choice of pink, blue or green. Each instrument comes in its own protective carrying pouch with name tag, a spare mouthpiece and a mouthpiece tool. They are easy to keep clean and they are lightweight to carry.

Toots are widely available online from Just Flutes, All Flutes Plus, Amazon and other good music shops for the very reasonable cost of £26-£32 depending on the retailer. This is a nice option as your child can choose their own colours for their Toot to make it more personal to them. Alternatively, I may be able to offer Toot hire on a first come, first served basis.

A tutor book will be needed for lessons. I will supply worksheets (which can also be emailed as needed) with fun tunes and activities for children to enjoy at home.



Children will receive their own free practice notebook for lessons -and also stickers! Lessons will include learning to read music through enjoyable songs and tunes, exploring different styles of music, listening skills and playing solos, duos and trios. Children will be rewarded for their work with Certificates of Achievement and Achievement Stars as they progress with their music, with everyone getting a certificate or an award by the end of the school year.

Children who progress to the flute will also have the opportunity to take graded music exams, either through the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music or Trinity College London.

Music is a wonderful way to build self-confidence, creativity and expression. If you are not sure if the Toot is the right 'fit' for your son or daughter, please do contact me with any questions about the Toot and the flute and whether they may be suitable for your child.

There are limited spaces available which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like a place, please email me with your contact details and which lesson format you would be interested in, as soon as possible. I will contact you directly. Do not send any lesson fees until you have been contacted.

With many thanks and all good wishes,

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