

# Vivace Music School

We're hiring!



## **Role Title: Piano Teacher (Part-Time)**

Vivace Music School is a music school serving children from birth to Senior School in Fleet, Hampshire, and the surrounding area. Founded as Len Tyler Music School, we have been providing high quality group music and movement classes for over 30 years. Passionate about getting children excited about music and helping them thrive by teaching real music skills, our small team of teachers and administrator run a comprehensive program of Kodály-inspired group music classes, as well as co-operating with selected local instrumental teachers. We are a team that looks out for each other and believe that playing to each other's strengths is the secret to our success in continuing to provide an ever-richer setting where children of all abilities gain confidence, discover their voices, learn to understand music and are set on the path to becoming outstanding, creative musicians.

We are looking for an inspirational and highly motivated piano teacher to join our team and work with children aged 6 years and upwards teaching individual piano lessons. There is also the potential to teach other instruments and a group ukulele class, again for children aged 6 and upwards.

The children you would be teaching attend Vivace's group musicianship classes, in which they will have acquired a good ear, sense of beat, rhythm and tuning and an understanding of how music notation works. Vivace's group classes are designed to continue to run alongside instrumental tuition, strengthening children's aural and theoretical skills in very practical ways and setting children up for success from the start.

The children you would teach as beginners will already

- Love music and understand that music is a magical world that they can explore and shape
- Be confident singers
- Have a steady beat and understand the difference between beat and rhythm
- Know at least crotchets, quavers, rests and minims and be able to sight-read and notate these
- Understand pitch from a solfa-perspective, having covered most of the pentatone, if not more (relative solfa is a powerful tool for sight-singing, which helps lay early foundations for understanding key signatures logically rather than by rote), and be able to sight-sing
- Have a useful repertoire of simple songs useful for developing by-ear-playing, exploration of the whole keyboard (rather than Middle C position) and much more
- Have learned music skills easily compatible with piano teaching systems such as Dogs & Birds, Ready to Play, Piano Safari and others

If you love working with children, have relevant experience teaching piano, are attracted to working with children who already have a solid musical foundation and are looking for a part-time position in a dynamic, growing organisation, this could be the perfect opportunity for you.

**Hourly rate:** from £28/hour

**Location:** Fleet, Hampshire

**Day/ Time:** Saturday mornings, by arrangement, with the potential for additional weekday afternoon teaching depending on demand

**Contract type:** self-employed contractor

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## **We are looking for:**

- An inspirational pianist and teacher, with enthusiasm for teaching young beginners
- A teacher familiar with KS1 & KS2 Kodály methodology, or willing to learn about how to integrate this into instrumental teaching

## **As the successful candidate, you will:**

- Teach individual piano lessons to children aged 6 and up (this may include children with SEN, by prior agreement)
- Potentially teach other instruments 1:1
- Potentially teach a group ukulele class for children aged 6 and up
- There is also the potential for EY whole group teaching

You will carry out small amounts of administrative work, such as logging attendance as required. You will be a friendly, welcoming presence, connecting with adults and encouraging new families to enrol as long-term customers.

Training and/or mentoring will be provided on a bespoke basis. You will be committed to continually developing your skills as a music teacher and you will be signposted to relevant training opportunities, as well as be mentored individually, if required.

## **Person Specification**

### **Essential - you will be or will have:**

- An inspirational pianist and teacher, with a love and enthusiasm for making music with children
- A love for young children and a desire to nurture them
- A confident singer, able to integrate singing into your instrumental teaching
- Ability and willingness to interact and connect with adults
- Ability to travel to Fleet (Hampshire)
- A good knowledge of suitable and stimulating music repertoire that inspires children
- Excellent communication skills with the ability to develop good relationships with young children, parents and carers, colleagues and external partners
- Organised and able to manage time and workload effectively

### **Desirable - you may be or may have:**

- Able to play and teach ukulele in a group setting for children aged 6 years and up
- A good knowledge of KS1-KS2 Kodály methodology and how to apply this in an instrumental context (in the absence of this, a willingness to learn and undertake training, by mutual agreement, is essential)
- Able to also teach instruments other than piano – this will be a bonus

To apply for the role of Part-Time Piano Teacher with Vivace Music School, please send a copy of your CV, a short covering letter and the completed application form to Nadja Flowerdew, [nadja@vivacemusicschool.co.uk](mailto:nadja@vivacemusicschool.co.uk). We will aim to get back to you within 2-5 working days. Thank you for your application. **Want to find out more about us? Take a look at our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) and join our [Facebook group](#).**