



Guitar Purchase Advice

All guitar pupils will need their own **acoustic** guitar to use in lessons and to practice at home.

We recommend learning on an acoustic guitar as they are often more budget friendly and require no amplification – this means that no extra amplifier or cables have to be transported and set up.

Sizing

Guitars come in different sizes appropriate to the pupil's size and age. We recommend the following, although this may vary from child to child:

- **Year 2:** 1/2 size guitar
- **Years 3 - 5:** 3/4 size guitar (will last to year 7/8)
- **Year 6 +:** full size guitar

Strings

Guitars come with either nylon or steel strings. Nylon strings sound softer and warmer, whereas steel ones sound brighter and louder. Either is a suitable option for a beginner.

Right Handed or Left Handed?

We recommend that all pupils start on a right handed guitar. Left handed guitars can often be more expensive and difficult to source. This should present no issues at all - it perfectly possible for a left handed pupil to learn to play a right handed guitar with no problems. Learning on a right handed guitar will give more options of instruments in the future.

Extras

- **Cases** – a case is not always included when you purchase a guitar but is a necessity to ensure safe transport of the instrument.
- **Replacement Strings** – From time to time, strings may break on the guitar. These can be replaced by the teacher in the lesson. We recommend purchasing a spare full set of strings suitable for your guitar.
- **Guitar Pick** – Picks are used to strum the strings on the guitar. They come in a range of different thicknesses – we recommend a medium thickness pick.
- **A Tuner**

You will be advised in your beginner letter of any further extras you may require.