

## Keyboard Purchase Advice

Although a keyboard will be in situ at school for lessons to take place on, it is essential that all keyboard students have an instrument to practice on at home.

There are a huge variety of keyboard options available depending on your available space and budget.

### Keyboards

For a complete beginner on a budget, a keyboard is a good initial instrument choice and will last your child approximately two years. Keyboards traditionally come with 61 non-weighted keys (unlike piano keys). If it is possible to source a keyboard with touch sensitive keys, then this is a recommended option.



Some recommended brands to look out for are Yamaha and Casio.

Keyboards are very portable, easy to store and can be played with headphones.

### Digital Pianos

For a keyboard player wanting to take their playing to an intermediate level and beyond or wanting to take exams, then a digital piano is a necessity.

These keyboards have proper weighted keys, piano action and pedals, essential for pupils to progress beyond a beginner level.



A stage piano is a good digital piano option that is portable but still has weighted keys.



Again, there are a huge range of options but Yamaha, Casio and Roland are some brands to look out for.

### Real Pianos

The feel of a good real piano is always going to be much more authentic than an electronic instrument, however, available space and budget may limit this option.

Some brands to look out for a Yamaha, Kemble and Kawai.



If you are considering purchasing a second hand piano, it is always a good idea to have the instrument checked by a professional piano technician before committing.