

Private Mandolin or Mandola Lessons Agreement

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The purpose of this document is to organise expectations of both learner and provider, should you decide to take mandolin or mandola lessons. Please read carefully and then fill out the necessary information. At the end, sign and date the agreement. If you have any questions, please forward them to: **ferguson05@eircom.net** or we can be reached at Belfast Dreams School of Music using the mobile number above up to 10pm any day.

Details: (If coming as a group, include all members), all information is kept in strict confidence according to GDPR,

Name: _____
Age: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Your Mandolin/Mandola Playing Ability Level (Please Tick One)

Beginner: _____ I am brand new no prior knowledge or very limited

Intermediate: _____ I have some knowledge or prior lessons
(e.g. - familiar with chord names or how to play a couple of different songs on mandolin)

Advanced: _____ I know how to play fairly well, but always looking for ways to improve chording or pecking techniques.

The first lesson you receive will range anywhere from of 3/4 to one hour in length. It is not so much a lesson, as it is an introduction with a wee bit of a lesson to take home and practise. We hope to determine if I will be the right fit for you and for yourself the same.

During this introduction you'll need to bring your mandolin, your plects and any notebook you have to write important items for yourself. We will supply the rest of the materials at no additional cost. There is plenty of opportunity to ask any questions that you may have about lessons or goals. If you decide to move forward, we can have you call up for a once a week lesson scheduled by agreement of course.

Expectations

What You Can Expect from The Tutor While Taking Lessons

If you're willing to put a fair amount of effort into this, you can expect to learn quite a lot! I have tonnes of patience for people who really try hard! My promise to you is, "If you do the work, you will be given every opportunity to succeed!"

Everyone learner is different, and as a result, everyone's individual lesson will be different. Your lessons will be suited to your musical interests and skill level. Maybe you are looking to become a professional, or maybe you're just looking to have some fun with the mandolin. Either way, you will get personalised lessons to help you achieve your goals.

What We Expect from Students While Taking Lessons

All lessons will be given once a week at Belfast Dreams School of Music, in 1-hour increments, based on availability and preferences.

Although the lessons will take place weekly, they must be committed to on a monthly basis, and payment will be expected in full at the first lesson or in blocks of 4 or 10 (discounts apply).

If a lesson is cancelled within 24 hours, or if you fail to show up for your scheduled lesson, you will not be entitled to a rescheduled lesson or a refund for the lesson's cost.

Students must have their own equipment*, including a mandolin/mandola and plects and/or capo. All of these items will be discussed during our first lesson. If you do not have a particular item, I will have suggestions available, and a preferred location to purchase these items.

Students may be given a homework assignment at the end of a lesson. Each student will be expected to complete their assignment prior to their next lesson. I am available by email or telephone in the event that a student should require extra help during the week.

Punctuality is very important. Please call if you are going to be more than 5 minutes late. Showing up for your lesson 5 minutes early is acceptable but you may be asked to wait, as other lessons may be taking place.

*As one of the free items offered in our lessons, a visit with the student to the local music shop for purchasing a new mandolin/mandola on any agreed day can be organised. This is particularly helpful if the student is new to playing or wishes to upgrade on their current instrument.

Our Availability for Lessons at Belfast Dreams School of Music

My availability is evenings from 5 to 10 and weekends from 10am to 6pm, and times will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. If I need to change a lesson time once we have determined your schedule, you will be given a minimum of 48 hours' notice, with options for re-scheduling. Additional times may be added as the Lord brings more students. 😊

Would You Prefer: *(Please Tick One)*

½ Hour Lessons _____ or Full Hour Lessons _____

Please list your complete availability for lesson times
(For re-scheduling purposes only.)

Mondays	Thursdays	Sundays
Tuesdays	Fridays	
Wednesdays	Saturdays	

Thanking you for completing all the bits to this point, congratulations! You must be pretty serious about wanting to learn to play the mandolin or mandola! All we need to do is schedule a first lesson. To do this, you may reach us by email, **ferguson05@eircom.net** or you can call me at 07856 256 653. Please no calls after 10pm.

**You will need to print, sign and bring this contract to your first lesson.
By signing this document, you agree with all of the above policies.**

Student Name: (Print) _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If 17 or younger) Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Thanks a million and see you soon! Mick Ferguson, Owner