

Etudes Music Studio Policy 2020/21

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of teaching your child piano! In order to make our time as productive as possible, we have established the following policies for the school year 2020-21.

Lessons and Fees

The Piano Year runs from 16 September 2020 through 19 June 2021. All students will have 33 lessons in the school year. A \$15 Annual Registration Fee is due at the beginning of the school year for Piano Buddies students. The Annual Registration Fee for all other students is \$30.

The Annual Lesson Fee will be divided into **10** equal monthly payments from September to June. Invoices will be sent out on the first of the month and should be paid by the 5th of the month.

A late fee of \$15 will be added to any payment received after 5th of the month. Students will not be permitted to enter the lesson room if fees are not paid.

Attendance

To give everyone as productive a lesson as possible, please observe the following:

- Students should be ready for the Zoom lesson with their device set up facing the piano keys and the music books on the music stand. Students should be in the Zoom waiting room 5 minutes before the lessons begin. (They can use those 5 minutes to run through their songs and pieces).
- A quiet environment will help your child (and us!) to concentrate during the lessons. This can be tricky if siblings are around, but it can be difficult to hear what the students are playing if there is a TV on, siblings are playing with toys, or other people are conversing in the piano room.
- Students learn and focus better if a parent is within hearing distance of what they are doing. Please stay close by during the lesson especially for younger children who sometimes have problems using Zoom.

Missed lessons

Make-up lessons are not guaranteed, but if you are unable to make it to a lesson, let us know as soon as possible. There are several classes at the same level, so it is likely your child will be able to attend one of the other classes that week. **The monthly lesson fee remains the same even if you miss a lesson.**

Lessons that are cancelled because we are unable to make it due to illness or some other reason will be made up on "No Lesson Red Days" on the Annual Calendar or during the Summer Lesson Days.

Practice

Students are expected to practice 5 days a week. Practice time will take about 10 to 15 minutes for beginners and about 20 to 30 minutes for students at level 2 and above. Piano practice is homework -most students need to be reminded to do it.

Students who have access to an iPad will be given free access to the Piano Maestro Practice App. This App contains some of the music they will be learning in the lessons and is very useful for home practice.

Recitals and Assessments

Recitals and Assessments (exams, piano tests) are optional and all students are welcome to participate. As a member of the Anne Arundel Music Teachers Association (AAMTA), I encourage the students to take part in the many recital opportunities they offer. This year, their recitals will be live on Zoom.

We use the Royal Conservatory of Music (www.rcmusic.org) for assessments.

Thank you for abiding by these policies to help your child's piano lessons be productive and efficient. I look forward to a great year!