

LAUDERDALE SUZUKI GROUP

www.lauderdalesuzuki.org.uk a division of the **London Suzuki Group**

Dear Prospective Suzuki Parent

Thank you for your enquiry regarding Suzuki instrumental lessons. This letter has been written to assist you in obtaining a place as soon as possible.

It is vital that prospective parents understand the philosophical basis of the teaching method that they have chosen for their child. We therefore feel all parents should read "Nurtured by Love" and/or "Ability Development from age Zero" by Shinichi Suzuki. These books can be obtained (mail order) from the British Suzuki Institute (Music/Book Shop 020 3176 4172 Open: 9.30am – 12.30pm Monday to Friday) or they may be found in your local library.

If, after reading the book, you decide this is the method for you then please bring your child to start observing lessons.

Observation

Observation is the beginning of your musical studies. It gives you an opportunity to meet and talk to Suzuki parents. This is the best way for you to find out about the benefits of the method and what your role as a parent would be. It also gives you a chance to watch different teachers and to assess whose approach might best suit you and your child.

Violin group lessons begin at 3.55 pm for our youngest children and progress through the afternoon to our most advanced groups. All classes are finished by 7pm

The following are the best classes to observe:

3.55	Conservatory	Complete beginners
3.55	Upper Gallery	Been playing a term or more
4.40	Lower Gallery	Slightly more advanced

You are welcome to observe any groups as often as you like and there is no charge. If you wish to choose the Suzuki Method for your child then please fill in an application form and sign the register each time you come. This is kept on the desk at the entrance. You will normally need to **observe lessons at least 8 times** before being eligible for starting private lessons with one of our teachers.

Children who participate in these classes all have a private teacher. We wish to stress that this is **NOT** a group teaching method. Each child has weekly individual lessons (usually at their teacher's house) and these are supplemented by the group lesson and a music reading class at Lauderdale.

Listening

Having read Dr Suzuki's book and started observing classes, you should start daily listening to the CD of the Suzuki repertoire of your chosen instrument. These can be obtained from the British Suzuki Institute (see above for details). Please get into the habit of **playing the CD every day** so that you and your child become familiar with the repertoire.

Practice Preparation

In order to prepare yourself for the time when you will need to practise daily with your child, it would be extremely beneficial if you set aside a small amount of time **every day** to do an activity together, for example, reading, painting or doing a puzzle.

Starting Individual lessons

Jane Afia is the Lauderdale Suzuki Group manager. She is also the coordinator for families observing at Lauderdale House. After the end of each term she will refer to the register and contact families who have been observing for 8 or more sessions during the previous term and let them know which teachers have a vacancy. When a lesson time does become available, it might not be one that will suit you best. It may mean taking your child out of school for a while or re-arranging your schedule.

There is still a shortage of trained Suzuki teachers.

Questions?

Teachers are very busy on Wednesday afternoons and have not got enough time to answer all your questions but if you go to the Café you will meet parents, some of whom have been involved in the Suzuki method for many years, who will be very willing to answer your questions and tell you about their experiences.

Future Musicianship Class 3pm Patty's Sumics for 2 – 4/5 year olds on Wednesday afternoon

If you would be interested in enrolling your child for a weekly music enriching class with Patty then please let our administrator Sara Hayes know. We need to have at least 6 children signed up to make this class viable. The cost per term is £125 for 10 classes.

The class will be at 3.00pm in the Conservatory at Lauderdale House.. Anyone is welcome to join this class, even if you do not choose to study the violin when your child is older.

It is an excellent preparation for future instrumental lessons, and gives your child a sense of belonging to our programme as they have a class that they can participate in.

Lauderdale Suzuki group violin / viola teachers

NB: many of the above teachers teach in other venues as well as their homes.

Jane Afia violin

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Alison Apley violin

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40 Chevening Rd NW6 6DE

020 8969 0757

Sharron Beamer violin

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11 Muswell Hill Rd N10 3JB

020 8883 9923

Mona Kodama violin/viola

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21 Viceroy Close, East End Rd N2 8BA

020 8444 5100

Elisabeth Waterhouse violin/viola

e.waterhouse100@gmail.com

, 86 Cromwell Ave N6 5HQ

020 8340 8362

Miks Silis violin

mikssilis@gmail.com

Flat 4, Somerset House Dartmouth Park Hill, NW5 1HR

07478 257068

Amy Cluggish violin

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Mallory Hamm violin

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14 Elmcroft, 2 Stanhope Road, N6 5LP

07427 668595

Harriet Benton violin

harriet_benton@yahoo.co.uk

16 Grangemill, Ingestre Road, London NW51XH

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Lauderdale Suzuki Group Administrator: Sara Hayes, 020 7609 2612

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Qualified Suzuki teachers running other Suzuki programmes in North and Central London:

Violin:

Kate Conway kate@suzukihub.com 07946 474 320 Suzuki Hub Hoxton

Hannah Biss violin@Hannahbiss.co.uk 07966 – 177551 Barnet group

Piano: Ivana Murray 020 8815 0901

Cello: Alice Biddulph 020 7419 7274 or 07977410484

The Lauderdale Suzuki Group is part of the London Suzuki Group

The London Suzuki Group (LSG) is an organisation of 40 teachers, parents and over 450 children, all committed to the Suzuki approach to music education. As well as running flourishing Suzuki violin, viola, cello and piano programmes, which include regular music reading classes, orchestras and chamber music, the LSG teachers also organise workshops and music camps at weekends and during the holidays. The LSG organises an annual concert in which many LSG students take part and also a series of Sunday afternoon pupil solo concerts.

The London Suzuki Group is a registered charity run by a board of directors. The group was founded in 1972 by Helen Brunner and was the pioneer Suzuki Group in the UK.

The families of **all** children who participate in Groups at Lauderdale House **must** belong to the London Suzuki Group.

London Suzuki Group **subscription** is £96 per year. To contact the LSG, either telephone 020 3176 4180 or email admin@londonsuzukigroup.co.uk.

The subscription income is used principally to subsidise many events that benefit your childrens' musical education. Members also receive a termly LSG information publication called "Stop Press".

LSG membership also includes membership of our national association, the *British Suzuki Institute* (BSI) www.britishsuzuki.com. BSI membership entitles members to a discount on all Suzuki books, CDs etc and entry to national concerts and workshops. It also keeps you in touch with the wider Suzuki community through two journals: "Ability" and the European Suzuki Association Journal. The BSI is responsible for the training of Suzuki teachers in this country.

How much will all my Suzuki tuition cost ?

Approximate cost per term

Lauderdale Group classes (2 lessons per week for 10 weeks)	£183 (10% discount for siblings)
Private tuition (usually half an hour)	£40 – £60 per hour depending on the teacher
London Suzuki Group subscription	£32 (£96 pa pro rata)
Violin hire	£30

Instrument Hire

Teachers sometimes hire instruments.

Small-sized violins may be hired or bought from

Dots Music Shop, 132 St Pancras Way NW1, 020 7482 5424, www.dotsonline.co.uk

Stringers Music Shop, 79a York St (off Seymour Place) W1, 020 7224 9099