

KZR MUSIC FAQ's

IS MY CHILD RIGHT FOR THE KZR ROCK SESSIONS ? Your child should have been playing their instrument for at least two years and should be confident in their playing.

INSTRUMENT SPECIFIC MINIMUM STANDARD GUIDELINES

DRUMS As the engine of a band it's important that drummers are especially confident in their abilities, able to drive a band and hold a steady rhythm throughout a 20 minute performance, able to comfortably play by ear rather than relying on drum notation. Drummers should ideally have played in a band setting before. Drummers should always contact us before booking at rock@kzrmusic.co.uk or 01442 863906.

GUITARISTS should know the seven basic chords - E A G D C Em and Am as well as some barre chords and simple strumming patterns. They should be able to tune the guitar. They should be able to play some simple rock riffs, find a major scale anywhere on the neck and be able to read a chord chart.

VOCALISTS should sing well and have confidence in their voice and be prepared to sing and perform in front of an audience. Vocalists should always contact us before booking at rock@kzrmusic.co.uk or 01442 863906.

KEYBOARD/PIANO PLAYERS should be able to play the simple major and minor triad chords and ideally be able to read a chord chart.

BASS PLAYERS should be confident playing root notes in time and should ideally be able to follow a chord chart.

If in doubt as to whether your child is suitable then do call us on 01442 863906 or email rock@kzrmusic.co.uk and we'll be happy to discuss.

Why do you only work from chord charts? My daughter is a very advanced player but cannot play from a chord chart - can she still come? We work from chord charts as this is what your child will face in sessions later in her musical career and is also the best format for encouraging students to listen, improvise and understand the harmonic progression and structure of a song. We break the sections up into: intro, verse, chorus, bridge and outro which allows us to be flexible and expand or compress the song as required. This is the language of pop and rock 'n' roll as formal notation can be limiting. Yes, your daughter should still come as we will coach her on reading from our simple chord charts.

What should my child bring to the workshops? We'll remind you of this prior to your session but our students are expected to bring their instruments, amplifiers and any other peripheral equipment they may need (drummers and keyboard players excluded). We do have spares but we like students to feel familiar and comfortable with their equipment. Children should also bring a packed lunch and drinks. We only supply water and biscuits.

Can my child try a new or second instrument? The bands are carefully built around the players so we would rather students major on a particular instrument. However, the opportunity often arises for a student to move onto their second instrument. We often find students like to try singing backing vocals and this is something we actively encourage.

Can my son's music teacher attend the gig and put it towards his GCSE Music Performance grade ? Yes, absolutely.

Can my child play in the same band with his friends? Yes, 99% of the time - just make it clear on the booking form. On the odd occasion it might not be possible, for example if you both play drums as we only have one drummer per band.

Will my child get to play in every song? It's very likely that your child will play in every song but we do emphasise the importance of listening and leaving space in our arrangements so there will be times when your child is listening, counting and waiting to come in.

Do you offer discounts on multiple bookings eg. my three sons wish to come ? We don't offer discounts as standard as we feel our product offers fantastic value for money.

My child has special educational needs - is he still welcome? Our instructors all have experience of teaching children with special educational needs and we are committed to creating a positive learning environment for all our students. Please be sure to include full details in the space provided on the booking form.

Will my child be supervised at break times? Yes, our instructors and facilitators are around all day until every child has been collected.

Will photographs or video be taken of my child? It's likely that we will take a few photographs/films of the day for the KZR album. If you would rather we didn't photograph/film your child then you can stipulate this on the booking form.

Are your staff and instructors Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) cleared ? Yes

Do you have public liability insurance ? Yes

Can my son leave his guitar and amplifier at the venue overnight ? Yes, but entirely at your own risk – only KZR Music owned equipment is insured overnight.

What happens to any lost property items ? Please call or email us as we bring any lost property items back to HQ.

Do you provide individual one to one lessons? We have a wide network of music teachers we can recommend. Contact us on 01442 863906 or rock@kzrmusic.co.uk

What's your cancellations/refunds policy? Cancellations made within 10 days of the first day of a workshop are non-refundable. Cancellations made before this time will be refunded in full or you can transfer bookings to a later session. In the unlikely event that we have to cancel a workshop due to illness, venue problems, a lack of bookings or otherwise we will either refund the amount in full or carry your booking forwards to another session.

However, if we have to cut short a workshop that has already started due to illness, bad weather or otherwise then a refund will not be given but you will be able to transfer the value of the remainder of your booking to a future session. For example, if day two of a two day workshop is cancelled then you can have the value of day two taken off your next booking.

Refunds do not include the fee as payable to paypal when booking online.

What happens if a workshop is cancelled due to bad weather during the winter ? If a workshop is cancelled during the winter months then we will run the workshop again at the earliest opportunity whether it be later in the same week, a subsequent weekend or at the next school break depending on availability of our students, instructors and venue. Of course a refund would be offered if you couldn't make the rescheduled workshop.

Any other questions then do contact us on 01442 863906 or rock@kzrmusic.co.uk