



During our first 8-week Preliminary Course, we will be looking for the emergence and development of the following skills:

- Attendance at least 7 weeks out of the 8 week course
- the ability to sit still, listen to the teacher and promptly follow instructions
- to understand basic concepts of left/right/high/low/top/bottom
- the development of listening skills and memory
- a basic understanding of pitch, beat and rhythm
- to know the note names of the keys and to be able to spell/play short words
- the beginnings of hand and finger position awareness
- regular supervised practice each week at home until the set work has been achieved
- enjoyment and willingness to learn!

At the conclusion of this preliminary course, we will select the pupils who have met these criteria to go on to our second course, which will give more of a basic grounding on piano.

In addition to the above, on our Follow-Up 8 week Course we will be looking for the following:

- a growing ability to read music (i.e the first 5 notes) with confidence and fluency
- greater awareness of finger control and hand position and to be able to self correct when prompted
- writing musical words on the board
- demonstrate the practice of 'counting in' and the concept of the rhythm sitting on top of a steady beat

Students who show sufficient aptitude and progress to continue beyond both Courses will be enrolled at the School full time. Providing also that there is evidence of regular home practice, attendance and progress each week, your child will then be able to choose whether to attend one to one piano tuition or to go onto an instrument of their choice.