

Laura Condell
Piano and Violin tuition

I am pleased to be able to offer piano and violin lessons to students at Mrs Ethelston's.

About me

My own musical journey began when I took to the piano as a three year old. My mum is a fantastic piano teacher but sadly I would not listen to her, and she had to find me another teacher when I was 4! I took up violin aged 5 and, thanks to my teachers and my parents' encouragement to practise, achieved Grade 8 on both instruments by the age of 15.

Music has opened the doors to wonderful experiences in my life, from playing on Blue Peter with the National Children's Orchestra; to going on tours with Cambridge University Orchestras, and playing in Kings College Chapel with Stephen Hawking just a few feet away! I've had the opportunity to play chamber music, do solo performances with orchestras, and accompany other brilliant musicians in recitals. I have also enjoyed playing in bands and being part of wedding celebrations for many friends over the years.



Experience

I have a wide range of experience working with children - running a children's choir, working in a Saturday Music School where I arranged music for and conducted the orchestra and chamber groups, facilitating a Kodaly-inspired class for toddlers and parents, and 1:1 teaching.

My main employment has been in the NHS as a psychotherapist in children's mental health services, and this influences my approach to teaching. I seek to use playfulness and curiosity, to understand the motivation and the challenges for each individual, and help each child learn in a way that is right for them.

I have a clear DBS check, Safeguarding Level 3 and Paediatric First Aid training.

Practicalities

Cost: £16 for 30 mins or £11 for 20 mins (payment per half term in advance)

Venue: Uplyme Church

Age: I normally take students from the age of 7 - I am happy to discuss any children younger than this on a case by case basis

Contact: 07894 548 160 or laura.condell@gmail.com

I am passionate about children having the opportunity to explore their musical potential: if the cost of lessons would prevent your child from learning, please do feel free to get in touch to see if we can come to an arrangement.