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Reach Recorder Hire Scheme

Adapted Recorders

The availability of adapted recorders enables a child who can use only one hand to play the complete range of notes played on a standard recorder. The right-handed model is played with the right hand only. The left-handed model is played with the left hand only. The playing hand supports the recorder.

Recorder Family

The recorder family is made up of several instruments, which divide in to two groups; those whose bottom note is a C and those whose bottom note is an F. The Hire scheme at present covers the Descant and Treble recorders. 'Reach' has several different makes of adapted recorder the main ones being supplied by Japanese Company Zen-On who stopped production in 1996 and Dolmetsch, our present supplier. Although we will continue to try and maintain the Zen-on recorders, all new instruments issued through the hire scheme will be the Dolmetsch models.

Which Instrument to choose

Usually children begin to learn to play on the Descant recorder. It is the descant that is used in schools to introduce children to instrumental tuition. Progress can then be made on to the Treble.

Rental Agreement Scheme

Since 1989 'Reach' has been purchasing recorders, which are hired out to members at an initial cost of £30. This sum includes a deposit of £15 that is refundable on return of the Recorder. The other £15 represents a fee paid annually to cover insurance and administration costs.

If you would like to join the Recorder Rental scheme the normal procedure is as follows:

- 1) Contact Head Office for an application Form.
- 2) Complete and return this form
- 3) When an instrument becomes available a rental agreement will be sent to you.
- 4) Complete and return the rental agreement with the appropriate payment.
- 5) On receipt of the agreement and payment the recorder will be despatched by registered post.
- 6) A rental renewal will be sent after 12 months.

It is recommended that steps 1 & 2 be taken at least 6 months before your child will need a recorder.

If you would like to join the rental scheme but are concerned about the financial side of the scheme please make Head Office aware of this when applying. All information received will be in confidence.

Purchasing an adapted recorder

For those who do not wish to join the Hire Scheme, one-handed recorders can be purchased direct from the manufacturer: *(If you should purchase a recorder but find your child tires of it please consider donating it to 'Reach' or passing it on to us at a reduced cost.)*

Dolmetsch Musical Instruments
Unit 1b
Unicorn Trading Estate
Weydown Road
Haslemere
Surrey, GU27 1DN
Tel: 01428 643235
Cost between £230-£250 approx
www.dolmetsch.com

The Dolmetsch Recorder – right hand version shown



An Alternative

For those with the use of one hand plus part use of the other hand there is also an alternative adapted recorder. The Aulos 204AF is specially designed for those with finger disability; seven sections can be assembled and glued with the adhesive supplied. By rotating the holes and plugging certain holes the recorder can accommodate fingers that are missing or do not operate properly. It is available from any good Music Shop at a price of about £30 (1998). For more details of this recorder contact 'Reach' Head Office.



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The Association for Children with Hand or Arm Deficiency

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RECORDER APPLICATION

Child's Name

Address

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..... **Tel:**

Child's date of birth

Recorder type required Descant / Treble (Beginners use a Descant)

Is right or left arm affected?

Source of Recorder Lessons

Music Teacher.....

..... **Tel no.** **Best contact time**.....

Reach Membership Number

Approximate Date Recorder required

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