

## Violin



<p>Who can play the violin?</p>	<p><i>Depending on the individual, children as young as age 3 or 4 can play the violin. Musica Kirklees teach pupils of school age upwards.</i></p>
<p>If it is not suitable for everyone, what alternative instrument would you recommend and why?</p>	<p><i>Violins are suitable for everyone. Smaller scale violins are available for younger/smaller children. Your Musica Kirklees teacher would recommend the right size for you.</i></p>
<p>What qualities of the violin are special?</p>	<p><i>The violin has a very sweet, singing tone that is often likened to the human voice.</i></p>
<p>Learning to play any instrument develops lots of new skills. What are the particular benefits of playing the viola?</p>	<p><i>Most orchestras/ensembles require a large number of violinists. The violin is an extremely versatile instrument used in a wide variety of musical genres. As playing the violin requires a number of different movements simultaneously it can enhance and improve co-ordination.</i></p>
<p>How are violins similar/different to other stringed instruments?</p>	<p><i>Violins are played tucked under the chin like a viola, but have a higher, sweeter sound. Music for the violin is written in a different clef to the viola, however many advanced violinists choose to play the viola as well, and vice versa. Cellos and double basses are bigger instruments with deeper tones than the violin and are played seated.</i></p>
<p>Are there any famous musicians or pieces associated with the violin?</p>	<p><i>There are many famous violinists such as Nigel Kennedy, Nicola Benedetti and Venessa Mae.</i></p>

