

## Survival tips for parents of young instrumentalists.

### Your Child's Music lesson.



- Take notes at every lesson.
- On the **way home** from the lesson, ask the child to tell you what he/she had learned.
- Record the child's **exact** words when you get home. If the child can **verbalise** what he/she is supposed to practice then he/she will make a good attempt at getting their music homework done properly.
- Use the notes you took yourself at the lesson. You can keep a record of them on your computer by typing the main points and using the different fonts and highlighters on your computer to

stress key words. The page can be printed as necessary for the child or you can make a book or a folder of the notes. Your computer is a very useful tool. Use it to its full potential!

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### Everything is Relative:

This title is used to stress the importance of taking a step back and looking at the bigger picture and the **real benefits** that eventually come if we keep striving. The “**Golden Moments**” of YES include the following:

1. Friendships begin to develop amongst the parents.
2. The children develop friendships through being members of the various orchestras.
3. The concerts, which are an integral part of YES, give us great joy, pride and a true sense of achievement right from the tiny tots concerts in Harold's Cross National School to the concerts given by the older pupils in the National Concert Hall, The Mansion House and The National Gallery.
4. Our various trips abroad, including Barcelona, Budapest, Venice and Brussels add colour and excitement to the very rich and lively programme experienced within YES.
5. Personal achievements in the ABRSM exams and success in any Feis bring their own joy to our pupils.

## Recommended Recordings:

- The DVD of the concert in the National Gallery to mark the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of YES.
- The Marino Suite – a CD recording of the YES Chamber Orchestra with conductor Ronald Masi and John Sheahan of the Dubliners (€5).
- YES original CD recorded some years ago (€10).