

October 2025

Dear Young Keyboard Player and family

**Play & Stay Keyboard Course: Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough
5th & 6th February 2026**

I am excited to be inviting you to attend the Play and Stay Keyboard residential course. This course is specifically designed for young Keyboard players from across Northamptonshire, who are:

- In school year 4 to year 6
- Having keyboard / piano lessons
- Keen to develop the skills they have already learnt, play with other like-minded young people, and become a better player

During the course, you will have the opportunity to experience playing with other course members, develop musical skills, such as aural awareness, improvisation and notation reading, and learn ways to create music using your keyboard skills. There will also be time to relax, with games and activities, whilst getting to know your fellow course members.

The 2-day residential will consist of different workshops where students will work together playing and creating music. Course members will not be asked to perform a solo as all activities will be group based. Notation reading is not essential for this course as all abilities will be catered for.

Instruments will be provided so students **WILL NOT** need to bring their own

Due to the structure of the course, there will not be a performance at the end. However, we hope to take videos and photos during the course to share with parents/carers

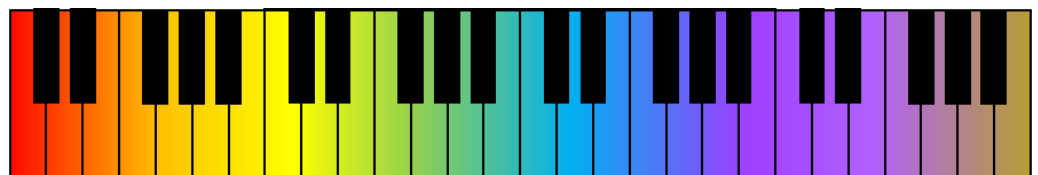
The cost of the course is £175, and you will need permission from your head teacher to be absent from school for two days. If you would like to attend, please see the reverse of this letter for more details, and complete the online application form, linked on page 2, by **Thursday 27th November**.

Some more information about the Frontier Centre can be found on their website, linked on page 2. It is a fantastic place to stay, and I know you will have a great time.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

I hope to see you there!

Claire Anderson
Head of Keyboard



Play and Stay Keyboard Course

Venue: Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UH (more info: [Frontier Centre - Rock UK](#))

Dates: 5th & 6th February 2026

Arrival: please arrive from 9.00am on Thursday 5th February. There will be a welcome meeting for students and staff, with the Frontier Centre team, at 9.30am, and it is important that all course participants are present.

Collection: the course will finish at 3.30pm on Friday 6th February.

There will not be a performance to parents, due to lack of space.

Absence from school: you must request permission for your child to be absent from school to attend the course. You may complete and submit the online form before obtaining the necessary permission, providing the absence has been authorised before the start of the course.

We can provide a letter supporting your request for absence, if needed. Please contact the NMPAT Office if you would like a supporting letter: office@nmpat.co.uk

Cost: £175, to include all meals and activities, accommodation in shared rooms, with en-suite bathrooms, and tuition from NMPAT staff.

Financial support is available to those in need. We ask that you apply early, to enable us to access the Frontier Centre bursary fund – the deadline for applications who wish to be considered for this fund is 7th November 2025.

50% of the total cost must be paid by Friday 28th November to secure your child's place on the course and the final payment is due by Wednesday 28th January 2026.

Please do not make a payment until you have received confirmation of your child's place on the course.

Confirmation: on submission of the online application form, you will have the opportunity to save and / or print a copy of your response. Please keep this for your own records.

Confirmation emails will be sent out, from office@nmpat.co.uk, from Monday 10th November. Students are accepted on a first come, first served basis so please submit your online application form as soon as possible.

Once you have received a confirmation email, please make payment on the ParentPay Shop: www.nmpat.co.uk/parentpay

Application: please complete the online form by Friday 28th November:

<https://bit.ly/PS26GK>



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