

The Ideal Piano Studio

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The Ideal Piano Studio would include ...

- ✓ An acoustic piano and an 88-key digital piano with headphones
- ✓ Footstool for shorter legs; lower stool for tall students
- ✓ An adjustable piano stool/benches and wide enough for two players
- ✓ Chairs for parents/guests/teacher
- ✓ Wide-line manuscript paper, H#2 0.7 mechanical pencils, smudge-free erasers
- ✓ Percussion instruments – tuned and untuned e.g. chime bars and mallets for teaching chords, triangles for adding sparkle, tambour to add a beat to scales, a piece or a recording
- ✓ A vertical solfa chart – homemade or purchased
- ✓ A French Time Name chart and FTN booklet for students to keep
- ✓ Whiteboard with height adjustment, non-toxic pens, erasers; permanent staff lines on one side
- ✓ A set of bongo drums for teaching left/right hand independence and rhythmic patterns, ostinati accompaniments to teacher playing
- ✓ A student lesson and practice logbook that is a practical and useful document
- ✓ Well-catalogued owned piano scores and a wide variety of songbooks for singing
- ✓ Scores for home and lesson CD/YouTube listening/score reading
- ✓ Music stand for music-reading instrumental work, e.g. a recorder.
- ✓ Computer for YouTube watching, report writing, student records, academic articles etc.
- ✓ An understanding of possible difficulties students may experience. Examples: if they wear glasses, have even a slight hearing problem, have an unsupportive or over-protective family, are malnourished, poorly clothed for the weather etc
- ✓ Space for two desks – one for electronics, the other for written work
- ✓ Contact and emergency numbers of students within easy reach
- ✓ Food allergy, health information forms signed by a parent/carer
- ✓ Who pays the fees awareness – e.g. a grandparent, absent father, single mother
- ✓ Water glasses and a jug of water for dehydrated students/parents/you
- ✓ Cream paper and printer to enlarge notation and make paper less bright and glary for students having reading problems
- ✓ A sense of adventure coupled with a lively sense of humour.

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