

KIDZROCK! FAQ's

How do I know if my child be good enough for KidzRock? As a rule of thumb, if your child has been playing for nearly a year and is reasonably confident on their instrument then they should be fine for KidzRock! As the engine room of a band it's important that **drummers** are confident in their abilities, able to hold a steady rhythm throughout a song and should ideally have played with others before. **Guitarists** should be able to strum basic chords, **keyboard/piano players** should be able to play some simple chords, **bass players** should be confident playing root notes in time, horn players (eg. trumpet, sax) should be comfortable on their instrument and **vocalists** should have confidence in their voice. If in doubt as to whether your child is suitable then do call us on 01442 863906 or email rock@kidzrockmusic.co.uk and we'll be happy to discuss.

Why do you only work from chord charts? My daughter is a very advanced player but cannot play from a chord chart - can she still come? We work from chord charts as this is what your child will face in sessions later in her musical career and is also the best format for encouraging students to listen, improvise and understand the harmonic progression and structure of a song. We break the sections up into: intro, verse, chorus, bridge and outro which allows us to be flexible and expand or compress the song as required. This is the language of pop and rock 'n' roll as formal notation can be limiting. Yes, your daughter should still come as we will coach her on reading from our simple chord charts.

What should my child bring to the workshops? We'll remind you of this prior to your session but our students are expected to bring their instruments, amplifiers and any other peripheral equipment they may need (drummers and keyboard players excluded). We do have spares but we like students to feel familiar and comfortable with their equipment. Children should also bring a packed lunch and drinks. We only supply water and biscuits.

Can my child try a new or second instrument? The bands are carefully built around the players so we would rather students major on a particular instrument. However, the opportunity often arises for a student to move onto their second instrument. We often find students like to try singing and this is something we actively encourage.

My child writes his own songs – will she get a chance to play it with her band? We love it when a student brings their own song into KidzRock! and we always try and play it as a band or at least in a duo or trio setting at the grand finale gig. We also put on a 30 minute open mike set on the final day and this is a great opportunity for our students to try out their own songs on an audience.

Can my son's music teacher attend the gig and put it towards his GCSE Music Performance grade ?

Yes, of course. He could also use the songwriting work we do towards his GCSE.

Can my child play in the same band with his friends? Yes, 99% of the time - just make it clear on the booking form. On the odd occasion it might not be possible, for example if you both play drums as we only have one drummer per band.

Will my child get to play in every song? It's very likely that your child will play in every song but we do emphasise the importance of listening and leaving space in our arrangements so there will be times when your child is listening, counting and waiting to come in.

Do you offer discounts on multiple bookings eg. my three sons wish to come ? We don't offer discounts as standard as we feel our product offers fantastic value for money but we can adjust the price accordingly (at our discretion) if you have more than one siblings attending.

My child has special educational needs - is he still welcome? Our instructors all have experience of teaching children with special educational needs and we are committed to creating a positive learning environment for all our students. Please be sure to include full details in the space provided on the booking form.

Will my child be supervised at break times? Yes, our instructors and facilitators are around all day until every child has been collected.

Will photographs or video be taken of my child? It's likely that we will take a few photographs/films of the day for the KidzRock! album. If you would rather we didn't photograph/film your child then you can stipulate this on the booking form.

Are your staff and instructors CRB checked ?
Yes

Do you have public liability insurance ?
Yes

Can my son leave his guitar and amplifier at the venue overnight ? Yes, but entirely at your own risk – only KidzRock! owned equipment is insured overnight.

What happens to any lost property items ? Please call or email us as we bring any lost property items back to HQ.

Do you provide individual one to one lessons? We have a wide network of music teachers we can recommend. Contact us on 01442 863906 or rock@kidzrockmusic.co.uk

What's your cancellations/refunds policy? Cancellations made within 10 days of the first day of a workshop are non-refundable. Cancellations made before this time will be refunded in full. You can transfer bookings to a later session. In the unlikely event that we have to cancel a workshop due to illness, venue problems, bad weather or a lack of bookings we will either refund the amount in full or carry your booking forwards another workshop. However, if we have to cut short a workshop that has already started due to bad weather, illness or otherwise then a refund will not be given but you will be able to transfer your booking to a future session of the same value.

An other questions then do contact us on 01442 863906 or rock@kidzrockmusic.co.uk