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GUITAR SET UP & HIGH ACTION

Is your child struggling to fret the notes and produce a clear sound?

This could be due to the “High Action” on the guitar.

What is “The Action”?

In the guitar and similar instruments, the term “action” means the distance between the frets and the string, which determines how easy it is to sound notes when pressure is applied with the fingertips. If the action is too high, it is very hard to properly press the string down onto the fret, this often causes a fret buzz or no note at all. This is very frustrating for beginners! Generally a low action is considered to be more playable, due to the lower amount of pressure needed to press the string to the fret.

Why is the action set high?

When guitars are built the makers tend to set the action higher than normal. The reason is that some guitar players (few and far between!) like high action therefore set high, however the guitar can be adjusted from High action to Low but not vice versa. I have a very expensive acoustic guitar that needed its action lowered!

How can the action be adjusted?

The action can be adjusted by altering the height of the saddle and the nut. This is a job for an experienced Luther. It involves removing both the nut and saddle and then sanding off a couple of millimetres from the bottom of them and then gluing back on.

How can your child’s guitar be adjusted?

I highly recommend Luther Andy Viccars. He regularly sets up both mine and my student’s Guitars. He has over 25 years of experience and is a class guitar builder too.

www.andyviccarscustom.co.uk

He works from his workshop out the back of his house in Bletchley, Milton Keynes and is very reasonably priced.

Please check his website for his prices

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Andy maybe able to work on the guitar while you wait (depends on how much work he has on) but do ask.

Please mention me (James Manders) and that your child studies with GUITAR IN SCHOOLS.

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