

Choosing the Right Keyboard or Digital piano for Beginners

Why Start with a Keyboard?

A keyboard is a fantastic way for children to begin their musical journey. It helps develop coordination, rhythm, and a love for music while being more affordable and space-friendly than a traditional piano.

Portable Keyboards vs. Digital Pianos

- **Portable Keyboards:** Lightweight and often come with built-in sounds and rhythms to make learning fun. Great for younger children who want to explore music playfully.
- **Digital Pianos:** Designed to mimic the feel of an acoustic piano with weighted keys. Ideal for beginners of any age who want a more authentic piano experience.

Top Picks for Beginners - Keyboard

1. Axis AXP10 or AXP2
2. Yamaha PSR- E283

Digital piano

1. Yamaha YDP-105
2. Yamaha YDP-145

Features to Look For

- ✓ **Touch sensitive keys** – Helps children learn dynamics (soft vs. loud playing). Even better, on digital and acoustic pianos is ‘weighted keys’
- ✓ **selection of tones and rhythms** – Some keyboards also have guided lessons and light-up keys.
- ✓ **Headphone jack** – Allows quiet practice without disturbing others.

You will also need:

Something to sit on – a chair or piano stool at the correct height



A stand if you are buying a keyboard

A music stand (these usually come along with the keyboard/piano)



Starting with the right keyboard/piano can make learning music enjoyable and rewarding. Whether choosing a playful portable keyboard or a more serious digital piano, the key is to find an instrument that matches the child's age, interest, and learning style.