



Charging, subsidy and discounts policy

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Solihull Music believes that all pupils should have an equal opportunity to benefit music education (curricular and extra-curricular) independently of their parents/carer's financial means. This charging and discounts policy describes how we will allocate resources to enable as many pupils as possible to benefit from our programme of music provision in Solihull.

Charging schools for music provision

To support schools to develop their in-school music offer to pupils Solihull Music currently offers some music provision at a subsidised rate, using Department for Education (DfE) funding via Arts Council England as illustrated in the **Appendix 1**.

Pupil premium funded lessons

Solihull Music works in partnership with schools to offer free in-school instrumental lessons for pupils who are eligible for pupil premium or pupil premium plus funding.

Children in care musical opportunities

Solihull Music is working in partnership with the West Midlands Virtual Schools to create a high-quality music offer which all children in care across the West Midlands can access. Through this programme schools may apply for instrumental lessons for any child or young person in the care of Solihull MBC and other local authorities. Pupils receive a free 20-minute lesson funded by the Solihull MBC virtual school and free instrument hire funded by the Music Hub.

FSM instrumental programme

From September 2022 Solihull Music has ringfenced free school meals (FSM) funding from DfE and will be working with schools in North Solihull to develop an instrumental offer for pupils in year 5 who are eligible for FSM.

Charging parent/carers for in-school music provision where schools offer billing direct provision to pupils

Solihull Music currently offers in school music opportunities during term time Monday -Friday.

DfE Core and Ext Roles	Provision- Schools	DfE subsidy applied	Key stage	Charge to parent/carers 2022-23
Core Role 3	1:1 20 minute instrumental lesson	No	Key stage 1-5	£14.90 per lesson
	1:1 30 minute instrumental lesson	No	Key stage 1-5	£20.90 per lesson
	Group instrumental lesson	No	Key stage 1-5	£8.10 per lesson
Ext Role 2	Instrument hire to parents	No	Key stage 1-5	£45.00 per year
	Instrumental hire for all eligible pupils as per our remissions policy	Yes	Key stage 1-5	Free of charge

Charging parent/carers for out of school music provision

Solihull Music currently offers out of school music opportunities during term time Monday -Saturday.

DfE Core and Ext Roles	Provision- Schools	DfE subsidy applied	Key stage	Charge to parent/carers 2022-23
Core Role 2	Weekday instrumental ensembles	Yes	Key stage 2-5	£42.40 per term
	Specialist ensembles	No	Key stage 2-5	£52.70 per term
	Inclusive music making ensembles	Yes	Aged 7-25	Free of charge
	Saturday Music	No	Aged 7-25	£20.00 per term for each session attended
Core Role 3	1:1 20 minute instrumental lesson	No	Key stage 1-adult	£14.90 per lesson
	1:1 30 minute instrumental lesson	No	Key stage 1-adult	£20.90 per lesson
	Shared 30 minute shared lesson	No	Key stage 1-adult	£10.45 per lesson
Core Role 4	Vocal ensembles	Yes	Key stage 2-5	£42.40 per hour
	West Midlands Inclusive Choir	Yes	Aged 7-25	Free of charge
Ext Role 2	Instrument hire to parents/ schools	No	Key stage 1-5	£45.00 per year
	Instrumental hire for all eligible pupils as per our remissions policy	Yes	Key Stage 1-5	Free of charge

Discounts policy

Solihull Music Hub is funded by a DfE grant via Arts Council England.

Under the terms of the grant, children and young people aged 5-18 living or attending school in Solihull may be eligible for financial support for Solihull Music **out of school** music provision.

Where applicable, discounts may be applied for the following:

- Solihull Music instrumental or vocal lessons
- Instrumental hire
- Membership of Solihull Music ensembles and vocal groups

1. Eligibility

Remission of fees will be applied for activities listed below to applications that meet the following criteria:

- Asylum seeking children
- Children under the care of the local authority (LAC)

Instrumental or vocal lesson	1 x 20-minute lesson per eligible child	100% remission
Instrumental hire	1 x instrumental hire per eligible child	100 % remission
Membership of Solihull Music Ensembles and Vocal groups	1 x Solihull Music Ensemble 1 x Solihull Music Vocal group	100% remission

Remission of fees will be applied for activities as below to applications that meet the following criteria:

Families who are on Income Support

Families who are in receipt of:

- Free school meals
- Job seekers allowance
- State pension credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Instrumental or vocal lesson	1 x 20-minute lesson per eligible child	50% remission
Instrumental hire	1 x instrumental hire per eligible child	100 % remission
Membership of Solihull Music ensembles and vocal groups	1 x Solihull Music ensemble 1 x Solihull Music vocal group	100% remission

Remission of fees will **not be applied**:

- If the student has instrumental and / or vocal lesson with an independent provider
- If the student attends an independent school outside of Solihull
- If the student is younger than 5 years or over 18 years of age
- On a second instrument /vocal lesson/instrumental hire/membership of music service ensemble or vocal group.
- For lessons during the school day

2. How to apply

Please phone the Solihull Music on 0121 704 6500 or email solihullmusic@solihull.gov.uk and to request remissions application form. Once you have submitted a request to be considered for remissions of fees, Solihull Music will contact you within two working days to confirm what evidence we will need to see to support your request. They will also advise how best to send the evidence to us. In all cases proof of entitlement will be required before provision starts

3. Period of support

The remission of fees for each application is reviewed annually on an academic year basis.

If remissions are applied and agreed for September, they will be applicable until the following August.

Families will need to submit a new application each next academic year they wish to apply for support.

Solihull Music reserves the right to withdraw funding should pupils fail to meet the expected level of commitment and progress. Attendance and progress will be reviewed termly, and continued funding is subject to pupils demonstrating the required level of commitment and progress.

Appendix 1 School charges 2022-23

DfE Roles	Provision- Schools	DfE subsidy	Key stage	Charge to schools
Core Role 1	Whole Class Ensemble Teaching Programme	Yes	Key Stage 2	£40.00 per hour
Core Role 2	Instrumental ensembles	Yes	Key stage 2-5	45.00 per hour
Core Role 3	Large group instrumental lessons @ KS2	Yes	Key stage 2	£45.00 per hour
	1:1 and shared instrumental lessons	Yes	Key stage 3-5	£38.00 per hour
	Beats Inclusive Music programme	Yes	Key stage 2-5	£45.00 per hour
Core Role 4	Vocal groups	Yes	Key stage 2-5	£45.00 per hour
Ext role 1	SMEP Advisory support 3 hours per school per year	Yes	Key stage 1-5	Free of charge
	School CPD provision	No	Key stage 1-5	£50.00 per hour
	SMEP Locality music network	Yes	Key stage 1-5	Free of charge
Ext Role 2	Instrument hire to parents/schools	No	Key stage 1-5	£45.00 per year
	Instrumental hire for eligible pupils as per our charging, subsidy and discount policy	Yes	Key stage 1-5	Free of charge
Ext role 3	Live Music and Instrumental workshops	No	Key stage 1-5	£150 per 3-hour workshop
	Curriculum Music	No	Key stage 1-2	£48.00 per hour
	PPA Music	No	Key stage 1-2	£53.00 per hour