Instrumental Tuition in Schools

What is it?

Music lessons in schools throughout the school day on the requested instrument, at times determined by the service in collaboration with the school.

What do we provide?

- Music lessons in groups or for individual pupils, lasting for a minimum of 20 minutes, on a weekly basis throughout term time (36 weeks in an academic year).
- A progressive learning process with regular monitoring, feedback and support for qualification routes and exams if desired.
- We provide information about obtaining an instrument and participating in ensembles/courses and events.

What responsibilities do you have?

- Schools must provide a suitable learning environment for the lesson with appropriate resources (ideally a piano or keyboard, music stands, heating/ventilation and internet access).
- Schools and parents/carers provide support for learning, particularly practice in between lessons.
- Parents and carers purchase relevant music books and instrument consumables e.g. strings, reeds.

What does the cost include?

As well as the progressive lessons, we provide:

- a fully vetted and managed music tutor with all appropriate disclosure and barring checks (DBS) carried out
- tutors with experience or qualifications and ability to deliver music lessons to support progression and monitor this through management processes

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- a fully accountable service with mechanisms for communicating with tutors, raising queries or concerns with the management team
- training and development for our tutors
- 'wrap around' services to help with the learning process e.g. music theory, examinations, bands and ensembles, advice and guidance on instrument purchase, liaison with schools and families
- online support for our client accounts to improve communication and speed up contractual management processes.
- support for school offices, music coordinators and heads of music.

Is there any financial support available?

Schools will have published remission schemes that usually provide some financial support for looked-after children or those who have registered and are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). Please note that if registered for FSM it is not necessary to take up the meals in order to access other school support where provided. We recommend that if schools are supporting students, the school books lesson time with the service rather than using our ‘directly charged to parent’ systems to make financial handling straightforward. Please call us to discuss.

For those unable to access school support the Music Education Hub for Cambridgeshire provides financial help to overcome barriers to taking part. The scheme can be accessed via the link below and schools can apply on behalf of pupils or families can apply individually:

www.mushcambs.org.uk/docs/access-to-learning-scheme.doc

What does it cost?

- Group lessons cost £5.66 per session and are for at least 20 minutes.
- 20 minute individual sessions cost £11.32 per session.
- 30 minute individual lessons cost £16.98 per session.
- The loan of an instrument costs £2.09 per session and can be booked at the same time.
- Schools can purchase time on the basis of £33.96 per hour (pro rata) booked.

How do I request a lesson?

Register with us on our website to set up an account, either for a family or an organisation/school and send a request: www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk

For more information email us on cm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call us on 01480 373500.

Our information website is at www.cambridgeshiremusic.org