

Suffolk County Music Service
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To: Headteachers of all Maintained, Academy and Free Schools

Dear Headteacher

Music programmes for schools

We have done our very best, in these exceedingly trying times, to keep any price increases for next academic year to a minimum. In light of this, I'm very pleased to announce *that all IVT, Bespoke tuition and Consultancy services prices are frozen for next year*, with WCET and Continuation the only prices we will increase (by 5%).

For other notable changes to our offer for next year, please refer to our 'Offer to Schools' document or the email we sent to all schools on 18 March 2022.

Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET); WCET Continuation; Instrumental and Vocal Tuition (IVT); Bespoke and Consultancy services

I am delighted to share details of our music programmes for the academic year 2022 - 2023.

With your help and support, the music service has again enjoyed working with thousands of children and young people in schools and music centres across the County as well as working online to deliver musical instrument lessons within pupils' homes.

Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET) – part-funded, inclusive instrumental learning for beginners

WCET provides the whole class and their class teacher the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, and perform together as an ensemble, enriching the life and cultural character of the school.

The programme is a key strand of the Government's National Plan for Music Education and an important element of the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum - "to play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression".

WCET Continuation - planning for progression

The aspiration is that as many children as possible continue to play after the initial year of WCET. To ensure progression routes are available, we ask schools to plan and budget at the outset for continuing students. A typical sequence might be whole class tuition (WCET) in Year 3 or 4: followed by small group, 1-1, ensemble, or where appropriate, whole class continuation in Years 5 & 6.

Your designated Senior Manager will be happy to discuss your school's requirements and how this fits your children's progression and curriculum vision.

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Instrumental & Vocal Tuition (IVT) – rates frozen for 2022-23!

We are delighted to be able to keep the cost of IVT exactly the same for next year. Instrumental and vocal tuition is for schools wishing to provide traditional, specialist 'peripatetic' 1-1 and small group lessons. It is ideally suited to upper Key Stage 2 and Secondary settings.

Instrument Hire & Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme (AIPS)

The Music Service provides two cost-effective ways for children to hire or own their own instrument. The service maintains a stock of instruments for termly hire with 50% discounted rates for pupils of your school that are taught by a Music Service teacher. Instrument loans are free of charge for Children in Care (CiC) and children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM).

For those wishing to purchase, the Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme (AIPS), provides a cost-effective route for pupils in state education to buy instruments (please contact the service for details as conditions apply).

Bespoke and Consultancy services

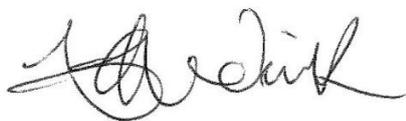
Bespoke services - for schools wishing to buy music provision outside of the WCET, Continuation & IVT programmes, we offer a range of services including choir direction and short-term World music/drumming projects.

Consultancy services – for schools wishing to develop their music curriculum or provide music refresher training for staff we are now offering a range of music consultancy options.

Three Senior Managers with responsibility for North, South & West Suffolk, are dedicated to building relationships with schools in their area. Don't hesitate to initiate discussions by contacting the music service by phone: 01473 263400 or email: county.music@ Suffolkgov.uk to take forward any aspect of music provision.

Whether you are a school which has worked with us for many years, one of the growing number of schools returning to the service, or a school that has its own in-house provision, we are here to help and support in any way we can. Just pick up the phone or drop us an email and we will do our best to help, support and connect you to music services that work for you.

Yours faithfully,



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