

Suffolk County Music Service

Lead organisation of the Suffolk Music Hub

Our offer to you

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Instrumental and Vocal Tuition (IVT)

Instrumental & 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.

A broad range of instruments is offered:

- Upper strings (violin and viola)
- Lower strings (cello and double bass)
- Woodwind (flute, clarinet, and saxophone)
- Double reed woodwind (oboe, bassoon, mini-bassoon, and tenoroon)
- Brass (trumpet, cornet, tenor horn, French horn incl. single horn for younger players, baritone horn, euphonium, trombone, and tuba)
- Classical, Electric or Bass Guitar and Ukulele
- Orchestral Percussion and Drum Kit
- Piano, Harp
- Voice

Tuition on other instruments may be available, please contact your named Senior Manager if you have any specific requests. All tuition is subject to availability.

We recommend 1-1 and small group lessons are of a minimum duration of 30 minutes. Small group (2-4 students) is suitable only up to Grade 3 level. Beyond this we strongly recommend 1-1 lessons as the most appropriate type of teaching for all instruments. More advanced pupils (beyond grade 5) will benefit from longer lessons of up to 60 minutes per week.

What's included?

- 34 lessons per year
- A music service tutor, subject to SCC employment and DBS checks and quality assured by the music service through a Performance Development programme
- Access to a named Senior Manager who will act as the main point of contact and work with you to achieve the best fit with your school's music curriculum.
- 50% discount on our instrument hire prices for schools signed up to the IVT traded service programme. Instrument loans are free for Children in Care (CiC) and children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM).
- Access to the Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme (AIPS) to help those wishing to purchase their own instrument at a discounted price.
- Annual written report on pupil progress in summer term
- NEW FOR 2023-24: All schools that purchase tuition from the County Music Service have access to 1 live-streamed concert per month, through a bespoke performance programme delivered by "Live Music Now". The programme will include interactive performances from a huge range of different performing groups and, for those watching the concerts in real time, there will be the facility for pupils to ask questions or speak directly to the performers.

Programme	Cost	Service level	Start date
IVT	£714 per 30 mins	34 lessons per year	w/c 11 Sep 2023

Whole Class Ensemble Teaching (WCET)

Aims of the programme:

- To provide children **and** their class teacher with the opportunity to learn a musical instrument for a year as part of an ensemble or band.
- To excite and inspire children about music and to take pride in their musical achievements
- To celebrate children's achievements through termly musical performances
- To develop musical awareness and other skills relevant to the chosen instrument
- To increase class teachers' and pupils' confidence and enjoyment of music
- To inspire children to continue learning their instrument after the initial year in individual or small group lessons
- The chance to be involved in WCETfest 2024 – a 2 week celebration of WCET programmes across the County, with concert venues in Lowestoft, Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich.

The WCET programme is a collaborative teaching model that a music service tutor plans and delivers alongside the class teacher. The class teacher's active involvement has been well documented by Ofsted as a key ingredient in successful programmes so use as PPA cover is not recommended.

We ask that the same teacher or teaching assistant must always be present in class, each week.

The programme is ideal for children from Y4 upwards, although variations of the programme for younger year groups using more age-appropriate instruments are also available.

Included in the cost of our WCET programme is a full class set of instruments, which your students will be actively encouraged to take home each week to practise at home.

Free access to instruments represents a huge capital commitment of between £4,000 and £10,000 per class for the music service. It is an expectation of the programme that children take instruments home to practise. Please note that schools are responsible for helping us organise and maintain records of instruments loaned to pupils.

Important note about instrument availability:

Instrument stocks are limited, and some instruments are subject to very high demand. Schools already engaged in the programme should plan for progression in their current instrumental discipline. New schools to the programme should seek a conversation with your named Senior Manager to discuss instrument and tutor availability for the coming academic year and the best fit for your setting.

What's included?

- 34 lessons per year for a class of up to 30 pupils.
- The loan of a class set of instruments for up to 30 children plus their class teacher.
- A music service tutor, subject to SCC employment and DBS checks and quality assured by the music service.
- Each one-hour unit has a teaching commitment of 45 minutes, with 15 minutes set aside for instrument preparation (tuning strings, oiling valves, changing reeds etc.) and will be delivered by one SCMS tutor working alongside your class teacher.
- Annual written summary of class progress, performances and repertoire (in summer term)
- A curriculum pack
- Access to a named Senior Manager who will act as the main point of contact and work with you to achieve the best fit with your school's music curriculum.

Dates:

- Programmes are scheduled to start w/c 11 September 2023. This is to accommodate staff inset and the preparation and delivery of musical instruments.

Programme	Cost	Service level	Start date
WCET	£1442 per hour	34 lessons per year	w/c 11 Sep 2023

Small schools with a cohort of 30 or fewer pupils across adjacent year groups:

For small schools it may become necessary to offer WCET classes in a different format; for example, delivering elements of the programme in alternate years. Please discuss your school's programme with your Senior Manager to find the best solution for your setting.

Continuation (KS1/2 pupils progressing from WCET)

The expectation is that as many children as possible will continue to develop their instrumental skills following the initial year of WCET tuition. Ideally, this will be on the same instrument however we recognise that some children may wish to try a different instrument after the WCET year and so we are very excited to ask for expressions of interest from schools for Option 2 below – our proposed new ‘Direct-to-parent charging’ programme. The Music Service recommends small group teaching (ideally 2-4 children for 30 minutes per week) as the most effective continuation model for KS2.

While small group tuition is a great way to learn, we recognise that every school is unique and requires its own solution to ensure musical progression. Please get in touch with your named Senior Manager who will be happy to work with you to find the best answer for your school curriculum.

Unlike WCET, which parents must not be charged for, schools may at their discretion choose whether to pass an element of cost of Continuation to parents. With this in mind, Suffolk County Music Service has developed a new way of offering Continuation for 2023-24:

NB Continuation is only available to students that were part of a WCET programme during 2022-23

Option 1:

Your school buys a block of time for your continuation students and chooses whether to pass on lesson fees to parents:

Programme	Cost	Service level	Start date
WCET Continuation	£721 per 30 mins	34 lessons per year	w/c 11 Sep 2023

Option 2:

For a single charge of £360 to schools (used to cover admin costs and subsidise lesson costs for your students), County Music Service will directly bill parents for 30-minute, small group lessons (maximum 4 pupils in each group). Parents will sign their children up for continuation lessons via the CMS website and Music Service will then ensure that all students, who wish to continue, have a lesson.

Benefits for schools

1. One single payment for enrolment of £360 per school. Clear for budgeting purposes with no unknowable costs or possible shortfall in recouping costs.
2. Amount of continuation time is limitless, so no matter how many students want to continue, one payment enables all of them to be part of the system
3. Your students WCET instrument might not be their ‘perfect partner’ – on negotiation, we could offer some additional instruments for them to try!
4. No School office time spent on recouping payments from parents or administering the system & timetabling
5. Parental charges for lessons will be *outstanding* value at the equivalent of £6.50 per 30 minute lesson per pupil. Parents have several payment options including monthly payments of £25/month for 9 months or £18.75/month for 12 months. Instrument hire fees can also be added to these monthly payments.

Benefits for parents & students

1. Fantastic value for money at effectively £6.50 per 30 minute lesson (this price partly subsidised by the school’s enrolment fee)
2. The possibility for your students that don’t love the instrument they have learnt during the WCET year, to swap and use all the skills they have learnt, on a new instrument!!
3. Multiple payment options; Monthly, Termly, Annually - to manage the cost, with financial support packages available
4. Your students will make quick progress on their instrument whilst learning in a small group
5. Parents will have direct connection to the Suffolk Music Hub and all the additional performance and learning opportunities that brings
6. The ability to arrange lessons and instrument hire at the same time from the same organisation

Standard hourly rate for bespoke / other provision

For schools wishing to buy music provision outside of the WCET and IVT programmes, we offer a standard hourly rate. If you would like to discuss alternative provision, for example, ensembles, choir direction & short-term drumming projects: Djembe, and Samba, please get in touch with the named Senior Manager for your area to discuss your project.

Standard hourly rate for bespoke provision	30 minute session charge
	£25.50

Music Consultancy & Staff Training

For schools wishing to develop their music curriculum or provide music refresher training for staff, we are now offering a music consultancy service. We also provide SCITT music training modules in partnership with Norfolk, Essex and Suffolk School Teacher Training (NESTT). Please contact the named Senior Manager for your area for further details.

Music Consultancy & Staff Training	Day rate	Half-day rate
	£371	£191

Instrument Hire & Assisted Instrument Loan Scheme

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. Children in Care (CiC) and children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) are free of charge.

Standard instruments	Full hire cost/ term	IVT & WCET Continuer rates (50% discount) per term	Children in Care (CiC)	Children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM)
Flute	£32	£16	Free	Free
Clarinet	£32	£16	Free	Free
Trumpet/Cornet	£32	£16	Free	Free
Trombone	£32	£16	Free	Free
Guitar	£17	£8.50	Free	Free
Ukulele	£11	£5.50	Free	Free
Violin	£21.50	£10.75	Free	Free
Cello	£32	£16	Free	Free
Please enquire for availability and pricing of instruments not listed				

For those wishing to purchase an instrument, 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).

Summary of charges 2023-24

Programme	Cost	Service level	Start date
WCET	£1442 per hour	34 lessons per year	w/c 11 Sep 2023
Continuation	£721 per 30 mins	34 lessons per year	w/c 11 Sep 2023
IVT	£714 per 30 mins	34 lessons per year	w/c 11 Sep 2023
Bespoke services	£25.50 per 30 mins		
Music Consultancy	£371/day; £191/half-day		

Contacts

For further information about the Services and Options available, please contact:

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Suffolk County Music Service Charges to Schools 2023 – 2024

Termly breakdown of charges

Offer	Annual rate	Summer 2023	Autumn 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
		SCC Financial Year 2023/24			
WCET (per 60 mins)	£1,442	£480 <i>1 hour: 12 weeks</i>	£509 <i>1 hour: 12 weeks</i>	£424 <i>1 hour: 10 weeks</i>	£509 <i>1 hour: 12 weeks</i>
Continuation (per 30 mins)	£721	£240 <i>30 mins: 12 weeks</i>	£254 <i>30 mins: 12 weeks</i>	£213 <i>30 mins: 10 weeks</i>	£254 <i>30 mins: 12 weeks</i>
IVT (per 30 mins)	£714	£252 <i>30 mins: 12 weeks</i>	£252 <i>30 mins: 12 weeks</i>	£210 <i>30 mins: 10 weeks</i>	£252 <i>30 mins: 12 weeks</i>
Bespoke Services (per 30 mins)	£25.50	£24 <i>per 30 mins</i>	£25.50 <i>per 30 mins</i>	£25.50 <i>per 30 mins</i>	£25.50 <i>per 30 mins</i>
Music Consultancy			£371/day; £191/half-day	£371/day; £191/half-day	£371/day; £191/half-day