



Policies and Procedures

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1) The Policy

We believe that all young people should have access to a high-quality music education and aim to support this aspiration through our Remissions Policy.

2) Kirklees Priority Passport

Kirklees Council operates a Priority Passport scheme for families on low incomes. Musica Kirklees supports this scheme for all families eligible for a Priority Passport by offering discounts on the cost of lessons and providing free membership of our music centre groups.

3) Free First Term at Music Centre

Regardless of family income, the first term of attendance at any of our five music centres is provided free to all pupils in school year 13 or under who have never attended any MK Music Centre groups or Central Ensembles. The free first membership applies to membership of Music Centre groups only (Central Ensembles and Theory Group not included). Eligible members who register at any point during an academic term will not be charged membership fees for that particular term. Membership fees will be charged from the next academic term onwards.

4) Rare Instrument discount ('endangered species')

To support the learning of instruments which are less common, more expensive or often more difficult to transport, we offer discounted lesson costs. This includes the following instruments:

- Bassoon
- Cello
- Double Bass
- Viola
- French horn
- Tuba

5) Instrumental Loan Scheme

Subject to stock availability, we provide fully subsidised instrument hire for all pupils. Following a one-off, £20 registration fee instruments can be loaned free of charge provided they are suitably insured and then serviced prior to or on return.

6) Gift of Music

Our Gift of Music scheme was established following kind donations from businesses and musical groups in the Kirklees area. It allows a small number of pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals to access lessons free of charge for a period of three years (after which the subsidy is reviewed).

7) Pupil Premium

Musica Kirklees works with schools to recommend the suitable and appropriate use of Pupil Premium funds to support the needs of young people who wish to access instrumental / vocal tuition.

8) Children Looked After

Musica Kirklees reached an agreement with the Children Looked After Service in Kirklees to ensure that every Child Looked After is offered the opportunity to access instrumental / vocal tuition and membership of music centre groups free of charge. The additional Pupil Premium amount received by the local authority for every child looked after, allows for such activities to be paid for and therefore delivered to the child free of charge. At the review meeting for every child looked after, the offer of free instrumental/vocal tuition is made.

9) Young Sounds Connect Project

From January 2025 we will be partnering with Young Sounds UK to deliver free instrumental lessons, music centre fees, instrument hire, exam fees and an equipment bursary for 21 children across Kirklees. This project is funded for 4 years by the Department of Education. This is a national project that aims to further the musical journey of pupils from a low-income background, enabling them to continue to thrive in music after whole class ensemble music has finished.