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Financial subsidies to support instrumental and vocal tuition

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Overview

Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership offers several subsidy schemes to assist with the costs of instrumental and vocal tuition in city and county schools. This document provides full details and eligibility criteria. Where appropriate, the instrumental or vocal teacher accesses these subsidies for their pupils.

Only teachers accredited to the Music Partnership are able to access financial subsidies and instruments.

Lesson costs

The vast majority of instrumental and vocal teaching taking place in our city and county schools is undertaken by self-employed teachers who are accredited to the Music Partnership but who are free to determine their own fee structure and make individual arrangements for payment with parents/carers. However, since the Music Partnership shares with schools ISM (Incorporated Society of Musicians) nationally-recommended rates, and also since our remission schemes are based on these rates, virtually all teachers follow the 'going rate' (2019-20) of **£28 per hour**.

The majority of instrumental teachers are willing to teach pupils in shared lessons, up to a certain level, depending on the ability and age of the children. In this way, it is possible to share the cost of lessons.

There is much evidence to suggest that group tuition better supports initial pupil progress, but if the teacher and parents both support the idea of individual lessons, the Music Partnership feels this is also entirely appropriate.

The lesson costs for a teacher charging £28 per hour, **per pupil** for a lesson of 20-minutes without attracting subsidies could be:

Individual lesson (20 mins)	Paired lesson (20 mins)	Trio lesson (20 mins)
£9.30 per pupil	£4.65 per pupil	£3.10 per pupil

Financial subsidies

These costs are further subsidised through various schemes meaning that many pupils are able to access tuition **from ONLY £1.50 PER LESSON**. This table shows a examples of subsidies available at entry level, with guideline costs per lesson per pupil based on an hourly rate of £28 per hour (full details of all the subsidies are explained overleaf).

	Subsidy per pupil	Guideline cost per pupil	Example setting
Starter Subsidy	£3.00	£1.70	E.g. pairs lesson of 20 minutes
Post Wider Opps Subsidy	£1.50	£1.50	E.g. small group lesson of 30 minutes
Assisted Bursary Scheme	£3.00	£1.70	E.g. pairs lesson of 20 minutes
SEN Scheme	£5.25	£1.75	E.g. individual lesson of 15 minutes

How the subsidies work

Where subsidies apply, the instrumental teacher arranges collection of the subsidised payment from Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership, and invoices parents/carers for the remaining balance of the lesson fee.

Each subsidy has eligibility criteria which also define practicalities such as lesson length and access to instrument loans.

STARTER SUBSIDY

Weekly subsidy per pupil	£3 for the first six lessons only
Lesson criteria for the subsidy	Lessons must be a minimum of 15 minutes and it is expected the majority of cases will be shared lessons with more than one pupil
Criteria which the pupil must meet	The pupil must not have had instrumental lessons before or been part of Wider Opportunities
Subsidy limitations	This subsidy can only be claimed for the first six lessons Pupils who are a beneficiary of the Assisted Bursary Scheme cannot also claim this subsidy
Notes	An instrument loan is not guaranteed to every starter pupil Pupils usually share the lesson with at least one other pupil Whether teaching happens individually, in pairs, threes or fours, the subsidy per pupil remains the same

POST WIDER OPPORTUNITIES SUBSIDY

Weekly subsidy per pupil	£1.50
Lesson criteria for the subsidy	Lessons must be for a minimum of 15 minutes for individual lessons, 20 minutes for pairs and trio lessons and 30 minutes for groups of four or five pupils The instrument does not need to be the one learned in their previous Wider Opportunities lessons
Criteria which your pupil must meet	The pupil must have been part of a Wider Opportunities programme The pupil must not have received instrumental lessons in school prior to the Wider Opportunities programme
Subsidy limitations	This subsidy lasts for one year
Notes	Wider Opportunities deliverers can teach a maximum of five pupils per group-lesson Accredited teachers can teach a maximum of three pupils per group-lesson There is free loan of the instrument being taught for one year (this must be applied for in the usual manner)

ASSISTED BURSARY SCHEME

also applicable to Looked After Children

Weekly subsidy per pupil	£3
Lesson criteria for the subsidy	<p>Lessons must be a minimum of 15 minutes and it is expected the majority of cases will be shared lessons with more than one pupil</p> <p>In exceptional circumstances, this may be increased to £5.25 for an individual 15-minute lesson. This has to be agreed by Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership and the instrumental teacher.</p>
Criteria which your pupil must meet	<p>Pupils' families must be in receipt of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Free school meals – Income support – Income based job seeker's allowance – Working tax credit <p>The Assisted Bursary Scheme is also available for Looked After Children.</p>
Subsidy limitations	If a pupil is entitled to and in receipt of the Assisted Bursary, they cannot receive the Starter Subsidy
Notes	<p>Only the forms of evidence listed above can be provided as proof of entitlement to this subsidy. Letters from headteachers are not sufficient</p> <p>Pupils receiving this subsidy are a priority for free instrument loan</p>

MINORITY TRANSFER SCHEME

Weekly subsidy per pupil	£9.30 for the first six lessons only
Lesson criteria for the subsidy	Lessons should be 20 minutes long
Criteria which your pupil must meet	<p>Pupils must have had previous experience of learning an instrument, and the scheme is only available when transferring to:</p> <p>Strings – Viola or Double Bass Woodwind – Oboe or Bassoon Brass – French Horn, Euphonium or Tuba</p>
Subsidy limitations	<p>The subsidy only covers lessons on the minority instrument</p> <p>This subsidy cannot be accessed whilst a pupil is in receipt of the Starter Subsidy</p>
Notes	<p>After the 6-week Minority Transfer Subsidy a pupil can access six weeks of Starter Subsidy to ease families into paying full lesson costs if continuing with the minority instrument</p> <p>Pupils can access a free ongoing loan of an instrument, depending on availability</p>

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS SCHEME

Weekly subsidy per pupil	£5.25
Lesson criteria for the subsidy	This subsidy allows what would be a shared 20-minute lesson to be converted to an individual 15-minute lesson and is designed to help those who enjoy learning an instrument but find it difficult to make progress in a shared lesson due to their additional needs
Criteria which your pupil must meet	Pupils should be on a school's special needs register, and their special need must disadvantage their learning of an instrument A letter from the school confirming the above is required as evidence
Subsidy limitations	This subsidy cannot be accessed whilst a pupil is in receipt of the Starter Subsidy

HIGHER GRADES SUBSIDIES

	HIGHER GRADE ENSEMBLE SUBSIDY	COUNTY-LEVEL ENSEMBLE SUBSIDY
Weekly subsidy per pupil	£3.50 for higher grades playing in ensembles	£5.00 for higher grades playing in County-level ensembles
Lesson criteria for the subsidy	Lessons should be a minimum of 30 minutes Lessons attracting this subsidy can either be in-school or be privately arranged	
Criteria which your pupil must meet	Pupils must provide a photocopy of their grade 5 certificate Pupils must be engaged in regular ensemble activity within school, at a Music Centre, or other setting	To increase from the higher grade ensemble subsidy (left) to the County-level subsidy, pupils must also be a member of one of the City & County Ensembles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Derby & Derbyshire Schools' Orchestra – City & County Youth Wind Band – City & County Youth Orchestra
Subsidy limitations	Teachers can only claim these subsidies after receiving agreement from Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership Only available on one instrument	
How to access this subsidy	Following discussions with their teacher, parents should approach Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – a copy of a grade 5 certificate – details of the regular ensemble activity the pupil is engaged in – The proposed length of the lesson 	Pupils must be regular attenders in one of the City & County Ensembles

Instrument loans

The Music Partnership charge families a one-off instrument loan fee of **£30 per instrument**. Pupils learning as part of a Wider Opportunities Programme, continuing to learn straight after the whole-class experience, or those accessing the Assisted Bursary Scheme are exempt from this fee.

Instrumental teachers and schools should be aware that instruments made available by the Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership belong to Derbyshire County Council. If instruments are distributed to pupils without the £30 fee and associated administrative procedures, this would legally be viewed as a fraud offence.

In order to give new pupils appropriate opportunity to try instruments, those who have had a loan of an instrument for over a year (with exception of minority instruments or smaller sizes of string instruments) should make every effort to obtain their own instrument after this time. Families can buy musical instruments without paying VAT if they do so through their child's school.

Instrumental teaching during the day

Schools sometimes raise concerns about whether or not pupils are allowed out of literacy and numeracy lessons to attend an instrumental lesson. HMI have confirmed it is acceptable for pupils to attend an instrumental lesson during these times, but it is clearly better if there is a rota system so that pupils do not miss the same lesson or part of a lesson each week. It is the responsibility of the instrumental/vocal teacher to ensure they are doing their best to accommodate this.

Quality Assurance

The work of all instrumental teachers, whether employed or self-employed, and whether within Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership or not, is quality assured on a rolling programme. This is a critical factor in raising and maintaining high standards of teaching. We value headteachers' support of this process and welcome all feedback. Similarly, headteachers are reminded that some of the teachers who work in their school may have had their observations in other schools. Please contact the Music Partnership with the names of the teachers if you would like copies of their most recent observation(s).

More information and enquiries can be made via our website:

derbyshiremusichub.org.uk/QA

Accreditation and access to subsidies

It is the decision of individual teachers whether or not to seek accreditation. A school, however, may wish to consider the range of subsidies listed in this document which would be denied to pupils taught by non-accredited teachers.

Teachers seeking accreditation are advised to complete a Pre-Accreditation application on our website:

derbyshiremusichub.org.uk/accreditation