Bucks Music Trust 2021/22

Music Education offer for Parents

Dear Parents,

Bucks Music Trust offers a range of services for parents and children in our county. These are open to any child living in Bucks or going to school in Bucks. As a not-for-profit charity, we aim to keep prices as low as possible and to offer support and subsidies to allow any child to participate. We also offer a flexible service through schools, music centres and online to be able to offer lessons to children living anywhere in the county. We are also able to deliver remote lessons for a starter period of time where this is initially preferable.
We offer tuition on all instruments including strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, piano, voice and guitars.

Subsidies to promote opportunity for all children

- Subsidies can be applied to all fees, including Music Centre memberships and BMT is absolutely committed to ensuring that all children can have the opportunity to access lessons.

Students eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)		**50% reduction**
Siblings	2nd child	**15% reduction**
	3rd child	**30% reduction**
	Each subsequent child	**50% reduction**

- BMT encourages schools to support families eligible for FSM by subsidizing the remaining 50% of lessons fees using Pupil Premium
- **If your financial situation is such that you are not eligible for FSM but find that the headline fees are challenging, we have other bursaries available on application of up to 50%. Our assessment process is confidential and focused on our mission to make sure that all music is available to all children**

Instrumental & Vocal teaching – all instruments (subject to availability)

- 33 lessons per academic year and all fees are payable per term in advance
- Parents are billed directly whether lessons are in music centres or schools, except where a school has agreed to subsidise pupils using pupil premium.

Individual lessons				**Group lessons**	
Length	Tuition only rate	Music Centre members	50% subsidy rate	All group lessons are 30 mins	
20 mins	**£158**	**£132**	**£74**	Small Group	**£108**
30 mins	**£239**	**£203**	**£119**	Large Group	**£78**

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- Small Group is for 2/3 pupils – up to Grade 2 when it is recommended to move to an individual lesson
- Large Group is for 4 – 6 pupils – up to Grade 1 and is intended to follow on from Whole Class Provision in schools for those pupils who want to continue learning or start learning an instrument
- Longer lessons are available for senior students - please enquire at musicservice@bucksmusic.org
- Individual lessons have discounted rates for Music Centre members to recognise the value of playing in ensembles to the development of instrumental skills. The discounted rate shown above is for lessons and **does not** include the Music Centre membership – this remains at £80.

Music Centre membership £80 per term

- Membership gives access to **all** ensembles at **all** our Music Centres, including Hi-Gain, our Songwriting and Music Production classes
- Details of all Music Centre timetables are on our website: www.bucksmusic.org
- Music Centre members receive a discount on individual instrumental/vocal lessons

Instrument hire

- All instruments from our stock (subject to availability) can be hired at a cost of **£25 per term**
- Loans are available to all young musicians in Buckinghamshire, but priority is given to BMT Music Centre members

I hope you will appreciate the benefits that your child will get from learning a musical instrument and joining a Music Centre. The wealth of evidence showing the wider learning skills, social and well-being benefits and enjoyment your child will develop makes it something that we believe every parent should consider.

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