**Southampton Music Hub Charging and Remissions Policy 2023-24**

**Introduction**

One of the core roles of the Music Education Hub grant provided by the Department of Education is to help assist with the removal of barriers to learning an instrument for young people in Southampton. This policy has been created to help parents and carers support their children’s engagement in music across all activities provided by Southampton Music Hub.

**Instrumental and vocal lessons**

Instrumental and vocal lessons are delivered primarily by Southampton Music Services. Please note that this section is of the policy is only for tuition provided on a charge to parent basis by Southampton Music Service (SMS). Lessons that take place in schools where the school buy in time from SMS should refer directly to the individual school Remissions and Charging Policy.

**Annual charges (September 2023 – minimum of 33 lessons per academic year)**

20 minute lesson - £345 (all pupils receiving a 20 minute lesson receive a £5 annual subsidy)

30 minute lesson - £525

Individual lessons will be offered at secondary, but depending on numbers lessons at primary schools may be paired or small group as applicable.

Payments can be made in monthly instalments if required.

**Instrument Loan**

Instruments will be loaned for £30 per academic year. Free instrument loan is given to all Pupil Premium students receiving lessons

**Assisted instrument purchase scheme**

Parents/Carers of children who live or are educated in Southampton are eligible to access the Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme (AIPS). This scheme allows instruments to be purchased without VAT for young people using an instrument for lessons within a recognised educational setting.

**Trust bursary**

**The Middleton Bursary Scheme provides financial support to individual musicians, to help them overcome challenging circumstances which may prevent them from accessing music-making.**

The Middleton Bursary Scheme, offers a number of small bursaries to individual young musicians (or, in some circumstances, groups of young musicians), aged 5-25, living in Southampton, Isle of Wight, or other surrounding areas, and who are facing challenging circumstances that are preventing them from accessing music-making. Through the scheme, Southampton Music Trust furthers our aims: to enable access to life-changing music experiences that enrich the happiness, health and wellbeing of the communities of Southampton and the surrounding areas.

In the first case, potential applicants are invited to contact the music hub to have an introductory conversation before an application is made.

**Ensemble membership**

All ensembles, bands and groups meet after school hours during term time for which there is an annual charge of **£**120 (2023-2024).  This fee can be paid termly if preferred. Where pupils are in receipt of pupil premium funding, have an ECHP or are in care their membership fees will be covered in full by the hub.

**Award scheme**

Awards are offered to gifted and talented music students.  Award holders receive 30 x 30 minute lessons across an academic year. The annual cost of the award is £500.  Parents are asked to pay £225, or £75 a term with the Hub paying the rest.  Award holders should play in a Hub ensemble where they will receive a 50% reduction in ensemble membership fees.  Award holders who receive pupil premium or have a Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) will have the full cost of the award and ensemble membership paid for by Southampton Music Hub.

At least 25% of the Awards are ringfenced for Pupil Premium students each year

**Children in challenging circumstances**

Part of the Southampton Music Hub grant is used to offer free instrumental loan to children in challenging circumstances. Financial assistance for lessons can also be offered in certain situations.

**Advocate schools using Pupil Premium Grants**

Schools are encouraged to use PPG grants to either fully fund or part fund music lessons. Pupils in care will receive free instrumental lessons funded by the Southampton Music Hub.