



## BLMK Music Hub - Charging and Remission Policy

To be reviewed September 2025

All consortium music services within the BLMK Music Hub are committed to:

- **Subsidised Pricing and Remissions:** reduced pricing for lessons offering significant fee remissions to support low-income families and specific groups.
- **Instrument Hire Concessions:** Providing instrumental hire concessions, particularly for beginners, those participating in whole-class ensemble teaching (WCET) programs, and endangered instruments.
- **Support Families on a Low-Income:** Offer strong financial support through fee remissions and low-cost or free instrument loan schemes to ensure accessibility.
- **Broad Subsidies and Inclusion Strategies:** Apply broad subsidies across various activities and implement inclusion-focused strategies to target specific groups, ensuring wide access to music education.

### Instrumental and Vocal Lessons:

- Charges vary based on lesson type and group size.
- Support includes free or reduced hire for initial terms and significant remissions for specific groups like Pupil Premium and Looked After Children.
- Subsidies are provided for whole-class progression and access to performances.

### Music Centre Activities:

- Pricing differs based on the number of sessions
- Regular activities are included in remission for Pupil Premium and Looked After Children.
- Membership fees are heavily subsidised, supported by Arts Council funding.

### Instrument Loan and Purchase:

- Instrument hire costs vary, with free or discounted rates for certain instruments and specific groups.
- Low-cost or free instrument loan schemes are available, especially for low-income families.



#### **Remissions and Discounts:**

- Full or partial fee remissions are provided for Looked After Children and Pupil Premium pupils, with additional discounts for siblings in some areas.
- Various subsidies are available depending on the activity, with specific support through inclusion funding.

#### **External Examination Fees:**

- Parents generally cover all costs related to external examinations, including fees, music books, and accompanists.
- Emphasis is on accessibility and support rather than specific fee details.

#### **Special Provisions:**

- Support includes VAT-free instrument purchases, free hire for specific programs, and additional grants for low-income families.
- Free holiday activities and extensive inclusion strategies are implemented to support targeted groups and musical development.

For specific details for each music service's, **Charging and Remissions policy**, please follow the links below:

- [Bedford Borough Music Service](#)
- [Inspiring Music in Central Bedfordshire](#)
- [Luton Music Service](#)
- [Milton Keynes Music Service](#)