

# WARWICKSHIRE MUSIC

## POLICY FOR REMISSION OF FEES FOR INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Arts Council England funding for the academic year 2018-19 has enabled Warwickshire Music to extend its Remissions Policy for a further year. This includes pupils attending instrumental lessons in Warwickshire schools and Area Music Centres.

Schools can apply for remissions on behalf of their pupils for the entire academic year, but must be prepared to notify us of any change in family circumstances during the period of remission. Fee remission is dependent on regular attendance at lessons.

Warwickshire Music is unable to guarantee remissions for all pupils in need; there is limited budget available for the academic years 2018/19 therefore, please complete your application promptly.

### LA and Academy School Pupils

Schools can apply up to 50% fee remission for eligible pupils at their school. A school can apply for 50% remission based on their published lesson price or 50% of the Warwickshire Music lesson price i.e. £38.00 per hour, whichever is the **lowest**. Pupils must attend lessons with a Warwickshire Music teacher during the school day. This can be either an individual or group lesson depending on the needs of the pupil.

All applications must be received by Warwickshire Music **before** lessons start in September. Any remission granted must be passed on in full to the parents/carer through a reduction in their invoice. Warwickshire Music remissions cannot be used to subsidise school administration of music lessons.

### Eligible Pupils

All pupils who meet the criteria for FSM are eligible to apply.

- Families who receive Income Support or Income-Based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- Families who receive Child Tax Credit and have an annual taxable income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190
- Families who receive the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Families who receive support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.

### Music Centre Pupils

Parents/carers can apply for remission of fees (for music centre pupils) directly; further details are available to download from the website [warwickshireremusic.org](http://warwickshireremusic.org) or via the administrative office. 50% fee remission is available for instrumental lessons and for specialist groups. **Free** attendance at core groups is available for all eligible pupils, including looked after children.

***N.B. Looked after Children** taking part in instrumental lessons during the school day cannot legally be charged. It is the responsibility of the school to provide these lessons and therefore these pupils should not be included in your application. Warwickshire Music will continue to provide fee remission for looked after children attending Music Centre activities outside of the school day.*