

Further information and terms and conditions:

### Financial assistance for families on low incomes

We are able to offer reduced cost lessons and free music centre membership and instrument hire for families on low incomes.

### Limitations and Conditions of the Remission Policy

A pupil is only entitled to one subsidised lesson registration at any given time, though a child may have tuition and attend more than one activity (music centre and choir for example). Where the pupil has particular need (eg special learning needs, talented pupils) we may be able to assist further with the cost of individual lessons. This is at the discretion of the music service; please contact us for more information. Our bursary fund is limited; subsidies will be allocated in order of receipt whilst funds last. Pupils receiving reduced rates will be monitored for effort and attendance. Pupils who do not attend instrumental lessons and/or music centres regularly, and practice at home in between lessons, may have the subsidy withdrawn.

### Level 1 subsidy – Students eligible to receive Free School Meals

If the student is receiving free school meals, you will be entitled to level 1 subsidy. This offers a reduction of 60% for a group lesson, £5 per term instrument hire and free music centre membership.

### Level 2 subsidy - Households with an annual income between £16,190 & £25,000

If you are in receipt of one of the following benefits and your household income is below £25,000 with savings of less than £16,000 you may be entitled to level 2 subsidy: Job Seekers Allowance (income based), Income Support, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Disability Living Allowance, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Pension Credit, Universal credit.

This offers a reduction of 30% for a group lesson, £10 per term instrument hire and free music centre membership. You will need to send a copy of your full award letter with the lesson or centre application form.



## Musical instrument and vocal lessons for pupils in schools



[www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk)

Observatory house, 25 Windsor Road, Slough SL1 2EL

Email: [Music.service@slough.gov.uk](mailto:Music.service@slough.gov.uk)

**“Slough Music Service offer excellent value for money”.**

### Why is it good to learn a musical instrument?

There is proven research that confirms that learning to play an instrument and singing is very good for a child’s overall development - enhancing learning outcomes in school as well as improving teamwork, determination, and confidence. It is also great fun and can lead to a lifetime of enjoyment.

### How lessons are offered

Lessons are offered in groups of up to 7 pupils in a lesson, or individually (one-to-one). These are lessons with a highly qualified teacher who will tailor the lesson specifically to your child's needs and aspirations so they can make the best possible progress. Lessons are offered in school, during the school day, but are subject to the agreement of the headteacher. We do not offer lessons in individuals' homes.

### Why should you use Slough Music Service teachers?

Slough Music Service is part of Slough Borough Council's People - Children department and is subsidised by Arts Council England. This means we are subject to rigorous service and safety standards, receive funding to help keep lesson fees as low as possible, and are accountable to government for the quality of our teaching.

All our staff are subject to regular enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and safeguarding training, as well as being monitored under our quality assurance procedures. They also receive regular training to update and enhance their skills.

### What else we can offer...after school music clubs and holiday activities

We offer weekly after school music centres, where pupils who are having lessons can come and play with others in our bands and choirs. We also run Music technology clubs, as well as Early Ears after school clubs.

We run our Holiday and Food programme, during the Summer, Easter and Christmas holidays as well as other special projects where children can take part in a range of musical activities. Please visit our website or contact us for more information.

### Instruments - hire or buy your own.

Your child will need an instrument to learn. We suggest hiring an instrument from us when you first start lessons. Once you know you are really committed to playing the instrument (2 or 3 terms) you might like to buy your own. We can offer instrument hire, subject to availability, for a small charge. Please ask us for advice before buying your own instrument as we can help you to buy and instrument without VAT so saving 20%.

### Termly charges for lessons from September 2023

Parents/carers will receive an invoice once every term in advance) for the amount below, plus any other activities you choose to take part in (please see our website or contact us for full terms and conditions)

As at 2023/24	LEVEL 1 SUBSIDY # (free school meals criteria)		LEVEL 2 SUBSIDY # (income less than £25,000)		STANDARD RATE	
	Lesson charge	Instrument hire	Lesson charge	Instrument hire	Lesson charge	Instrument hire
<b>Group Lessons</b>	<b>£30</b> per term	<b>£5</b> per term	<b>£60</b> per term	<b>£10</b> per term	<b>£90</b> per term	<b>£30.00</b> per term
<b>10 lessons per term Individual 20 minute Lessons</b>	Contact SMS				<b>£120</b> per term	<b>£30.00</b> per term
<b>10 lessons per term Individual 30 minute Lessons</b>					<b>£180.00</b> per term	<b>£30.00</b> per term

# Please see our website or contact us for full information about subsidised rates criteria and conditions

**If you wish to apply for lessons, please complete the online application form at [www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk) or return the attached form to the address above. All applicants must return the Slough Music Service application, even if there is another application required by your school.**