

# Suffolk County Music Service

## Music for your School

### Whole Class Ensemble Teaching (WCET)

#### Aims of the programme:

- To provide children **and** teachers with the opportunity to learn and enjoy playing a musical instrument
- To excite and inspire children about music and to take pride in their musical achievements
- To develop singing, listening and other musical skills relevant to the chosen instrument
- To celebrate children's achievements through termly musical performances
- To increase class teachers and pupils' confidence in music
- To provide teachers with the tools and experience to lead their classes in rehearsals and performances
- To inspire children to continue learning their chosen instrument

The WCET programme is a collaborative teaching model which a music service tutor plans and delivers alongside the class teacher. The class teacher's active involvement has been well documented by Ofsted as a key ingredient in successful programmes.

The programme is ideal for children from Y4 upwards, although variations of the programme for younger year groups using more age appropriate instruments are also an option.

Included in the cost of our WCET programme is **free** access to music service instruments (subject to availability). The music service will purchase and continue to loan instruments free of charge for WCET for as long as teaching is maintained through the music service.

Free access to instruments for schools represents a capital commitment of between £4,000 and £10,000 per class for the music service. Please note that schools are responsible for helping us maintain and organise the instruments that are loaned to their students.

Programmes run for each week of the academic year subject to a minimum supply of 33 weeks.

SCMS will provide:

- a unit of one hour per week, with a minimum of 45 minutes tuition by a SCMS tutor working alongside the school's own member(s) of staff (up to 15 minutes may be required for tuning strings, oiling valves, changing reeds etc.);
- for a whole class of up to 30 pupils
- a class set of instruments, sufficient for one per child and one for the class teacher(s)

## **WCET Continuation Time** (30 minutes included for schools already engaged in WCET)

After the initial year of 'whole class' tuition, the music service recommends small group teaching (ideally 2-4 children for 30 minutes) as the most effective form of continuation model wherever this is practical, with additional units of **Instrumental & Vocal Tuition** to supplement provision.

While small group tuition is a great way to learn, we recognise that every school is unique and requires its own solution so other uses of this time possible; for example, learning as a small ensemble or band. Please get in touch with your named Senior Manager who will be happy to work with you to find the best answer for your school.

## **Small schools** with a cohort of 30 or fewer pupils across adjacent year groups:

For small schools it may become necessary to offer WCET classes in a different format; for example, delivering elements of the programme in alternate years. Please discuss your school's programme with your Senior Manager to find the best solution for your setting.

## **Instrumental and Vocal Tuition**

**Instrumental & Vocal Tuition** is for schools wishing to provide peripatetic 1-1 and small group lessons. It is also used to supplement continuation time from WCET programmes.

A broad range of instruments is offered:

- Upper strings (violin and viola)
- Lower strings (cello and double bass)
- Woodwind (flute, clarinet, and saxophone)
- Double reed woodwind (oboe, bassoon, mini-bassoon, and tenoroon)
- Brass, e.g. trumpet, cornet, tenor horn, French horn (incl. single horn for younger players), baritone horn, euphonium, trombone, and tuba;
- Guitar (in a range of styles)
- Percussion (incl. orchestral, drum kit, djembe, samba)
- Vocal
- Ensemble

Tuition on other instruments may be made available, please contact your named Senior Manager if you have any specific requests. All tuition is subject to availability.

We recommend 1-1 and small group lessons are of a minimum duration of 30 minutes. Small group (2-4 students) is ideal up to Grade 3 level. Beyond this we recommend 1-1 lessons for all instruments. More advanced pupils (beyond grade 5) benefit from longer lessons of up to 60 minutes.

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## Other Services

Other services are also available at an hourly rate of £45 per tutor hour, including:

- Choir direction
- Bespoke singing CPD
- World percussion: Djembe, Samba & Gamelan
- Curriculum support: performance workshops, song-writing, GCSE support

Please contact your named Senior Manager to discuss options for your school.

## Contacts

For further information about the Services and Options available, please contact:

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