ENFIELD MUSIC SERVICE
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INFORMATION FOR MUSIC LEADS

INSPIRATION CREATIVITY PROGRESSION ACCESS

ABOUT ENFIELD MUSIC SERVICE (EMS)

Our aim at EMS is to support all children and young people in accessing and experiencing the benefits of music, and to reflect the experiences, cultural diversity and heritage of the community of Enfield.

EMS works together with schools and a range of experienced partner organisations to offer quality-assured, engaging, inclusive music lessons and activities, giving children and young people of all backgrounds and abilities the chance to sing, learn an instrument, be creative, express themselves, and to make meaningful progression.

We offer instrumental and vocal lessons in schools as well as at our after-school tuition centres and Saturday Music Centre and we run a range of borough music clubs, groups and ensembles for pupils who have had just two terms of lessons right through to those who are most advanced on their instruments.

We also facilitate a wide variety of additional music opportunities for pupils, such as singing festivals, whole class instrumental programmes and access to large-scale performances and workshops with professional musicians, orchestras and other ensembles. We also support the delivery of the National Curriculum for Music through a range of training and resources for schools.

EMS is part of Enfield Council and is one of the consortium partners of the North London Music Hub, supported by public funding from the Department for Education administered by Arts Council England, and has a responsibility to oversee music education in the London Borough of Enfield and ensure the aims from the National Plan for Music Education (NPME) are met.

All LA-maintained schools, academies and free schools are automatically Music Hub Partners, completely free of charge, which allows access to the following:

- Curriculum guidance and support
- Professional learning and networking
- Singing resources, music resource banks and recommendations
- Participation in special events and performances
- Access to subsidised projects and workshops with external delivery partners
- Individual school music grant allocation

We have a panel of experienced and committed tutors who support the delivery of EMS provision both in and out of school, all of whom have undergone recruitment checks including an enhanced DBS check.

GENERAL CONTACTS

Administrative officers: Yudit Meszaros, Nadeem Riaz and Donica Tailor

Email: enfieldmusicservice@enfield.gov.uk

Phone: 020 8807 8881
Phone lines are open as follows:
1:30am - 4:30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays
8:00am - 12:30pm on Tuesdays
9:00am - 12:00pm on Thursdays & Fridays

Website: https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore

THE EMS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Wendy Kemp, Head of EMS | wendy.kemp@enfield.gov.uk

Elena Browne, Head of Singing | elena.browne@enfield.gov.uk

Robert Domingue, Head of Ensembles & Instrumental Tuition | robert.domingue@enfield.gov.uk

Paula Warren, Head of Keyboard and Saturday Music Centre | paula.warren@enfield.gov.uk

INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL LESSONS

Parents and carers are able to sign up for EMS instrumental and vocal lessons through the Music Store website: https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore

Instruments are also available to hire from EMS for a termly fee, with the exception of the the following instruments: tin whistle, recorder, ukulele, guitar. electronic keyboard, piano and drum kit.

To book lessons or hire, parents/carers need to create an account and then set up their child as a pupil attached to that account.

We write to schools confirming the relevant dates and information each time we open up the bookings/renewals for a new term, but these usually open around half term of the preceding term and close 2 weeks before the end of that term. E.g. bookings for Spring open in mid to late October and close early in December. During this window, parents/carers can sign up for new lessons for their child(ren) and also need to renew any current lessons for their child(ren) to continue learning.

We offer several different types of lessons for parents/carers to choose:

Group lessons - two pupils together for 20 minutes or 3 pupils for 30 minutes
Individual 20 minute lessons
Individual 30 minute lessons

Please note that for piano/keyboard & drum kit pupils, the maximum number of pupils in a group lesson is two.

The number of lessons to be given changes slightly each term:

Autumn: 11 weekly lessons
Spring: 9 weekly lessons
Summer: 10 weekly lessons

Once bookings have closed, we will send you a tuition list for the new term with the following information:

Child's name
Instrument
Type of lessons booked and duration
EMS Tutor allocated

Each of the EMS tutors will get in touch with you directly as the Music Lead to agree the day and time they will visit the school to give the lessons each week. They will do their best to be flexible where necessary but many of our tutors are teaching in a lot of different schools and may have other, existing commitments they can't change that can make it difficult to amend the days/times they have available. When days/times are confirmed, schools then inform parents and pupils of the date and time of their in-school music lessons.

SCHOOL FUNDING SUPPORT FOR LESSONS

Parent/Carer sign-up

Schools are able to support FSM, PP, LAC and/or adopted pupils by helping to fund instrumental/vocal lessons and there are two options: to fund the full cost of group or individual 20 minute lessons, or to fund only the cost of group lessons and the parent/carer pays a top up if they book individual lessons/there is no suitable group available for their child to learn.

For FSM/PP pupils where the school would like parents/carers to retain responsibility for booking lessons through the Music Store website, a funding form should be issued by the school for the parent/carer to upload to the child's pupil profile on the store before booking so they will receive the relevant discount when checking out.

For LAC/adopted pupils, the relevant funding form should be issued for the parent/carer to send to us so that we can give them a code to use to receive the relevant discount when checking out on the store.

Both the FSM/PP form and the LAC/adopted pupil form templates will be emailed to schools along with the notification letting you know bookings have opened for a new term.

Once a pupil has been issued a funding form it applies for their bookings for the remainder of the academic year unless we are notified otherwise by the school. All pupils the school wishes to continue to fund will need to be issued new forms annually ahead of booking for the Autumn term and we are currently liaising with colleagues at the Council regarding timelines for this, given the new requirement to check FSM eligibility annually.

Pupils who have a funding form will also automatically receive a discount of 25% on any termly instrument hire from EMS and 50% on termly membership of EMS borough ensembles.

School sign-up

If the school would like to fund lessons for pupils for any reason without the need for parents/carers to sign up independently (e.g. there is a significant language or technology barrier for families, or for GCSE music students), this can be arranged separately in agreement with the Music Service - please contact Head of Ensembles & Instrumental Tuition, Robert Domingue (robert.domingue@enfield.gov.uk), to discuss this option further.

For pupils who are not having lessons through EMS or whose lessons are funded by school sign-up and therefore don't have a funding form attached to their profile, parents/carers can contact us with proof of eligibility for FSM in order to access the discount on hire and/or ensemble membership separately.

EMS MUSIC GRANT FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

As one of the consortium partners of the North London Music Hub, each year we allocate a significant proportion of our Music Hub funding to schools in the form of a grant, to allow them the flexibility to tailor support for music education to the individual and distinct needs of their pupils and staff.

For primary and special schools the amount you receive for the academic year is based on the number of pupils on roll between YR and Y14 from the most recent census data available. For secondary schools, there is a set amount depending on the number of year groups between Y7 and Y13.

We write to schools in the Summer term with confirmation of their grant allocation for the next academic year once our overall Hub funding is confirmed by the DfE, and requesting schools book any EMS provision they wish to buy in.

The grant funding must be used to support the aims and aspirations within the National Plan for Music Education (NPME). A refreshed plan was published in 2022 and below are some of the expectations for schools regarding the music offer pupils should have access to in school:

- timetabled curriculum music of at least 1 hr a week throughout the school year for KS1-3
- whole class instrumental learning opportunities, ideally for a year
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school instrumental ensemble/band/group
- termly school performances
- opportunities to enjoy live performances at least once a year
- access to instrumental and vocal lessons

Our 2026-27 Music Opportunities brochure has full details on the type of provision we offer and associated costs. You can download the brochure here.

To discuss the provision you would like for your school, and/or to look at possible additional options, please contact the Head of EMS, Wendy Kemp (wendy.kemp@enfield.gov.uk).

The grant funding can also be used to book relevant provision from Music Hub partners or other external providers once agreed by EMS. Please email Wendy Kemp to confirm whether something you would like to book constitutes a relevant use of the grant. Once agreed, this external provision should be booked directly with the provider and the following information then sent to Wendy Kemp in order for us to authorise the advance of the grant funding to the school:

Name of provider
Type of provision
Length/duration of provision (e.g. 1-day workshop / 10 weekly 1-hour sessions
Number of children accessing the provision and year group(s)
Full cost of provision

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS

There is a wealth of information and resources available for Music Leads on our pages on the Schools Traded Services website, The Hub:
https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/thehub/information/schools-traded-services/music-service

This includes:

- Singing resources from our SingingWell and Sing & Sign series as well as the Songbank resource first created during lockdown
- Curriculum planning guidance/support documents and free curriculum resources
- Information on professional development and networking opportunities
- EMS policies and general information

FURTHER INFORMATION

We have a range of searchable FAQs on the Music Store website regarding our lessons and activities: **https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicservice/faqs**

More detailed information on term dates/EMS teaching weeks can be found here:
https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/newsmusicservice/2022/jan/ems-term-dates

There is detailed information about the borough-wide ensembles open to pupils here:
https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/newsmusicservice/2022/jan/ems-music-ensembles-groups-and-clubs