

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE CHILDREN MUSIC SERVICE

TUITION FEES – SCALE OF CHARGES and Terms and Conditions for Instrumental and Vocal Tuition in Schools

	Cost per term – tuition and instrument hire	Cost per term – tuition only
Students receiving Free School Meals	Free	Free
Individual Tuition	£72.00	£52.00
Group Tuition	£55.00	£35.00
Soundstart Plus (free instrument hire)		£35.00
Music GCSE, AS or A level candidates: where the main instrument of study for their examination course is that learned in school, the pupil's school must verify this.	Free Tuition; £20.00 instrument hire	Free
Instrument Hire (excluding pupils receiving free school meals and "Soundstart Plus")	£20.00	
		Cost per term
Manx Youth Orchestra Membership (siblings membership £19.00)		£22.00
Manx Youth Orchestra – Guitar Ensemble Membership		£19.00
Saturday Bus Charge		£21.00

- All lessons will be 25 minutes in length
- New pupils will not be eligible to receive tuition until a signed agreement is received by the Music Service from the child's parent or carer
- All pupils will receive a minimum of 30 lessons per academic year, an average of 10 per term.
- Children with special educational needs who are deemed by Music Service teachers to be in need of individual tuition will be charged group rates (maximum)
- Children who start off in a group but find themselves over a period of time being taught individually because either other group members have discontinued and a suitable alternative group cannot be found within the school, will still pay group rates
- Parents/carers will be informed if their child's teacher recommends that they would benefit from individual tuition. NB: This is normally for more advanced pupils
- Red badges, blue badges and Music Service in house graded examinations (grades 1 – 4) will continue to be free of charge
- Fees are payable for ABRSM and Trinity graded examinations (external). Teachers will advise before pupils are entered for examinations
- Tuition will cease if payments are not kept up to date
- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to inform the Music Service of any changes in their circumstances, changes of address etc.

Tuition fees are subsidised by the DESC and are considerably cheaper than most private tuition offered in the Isle of Man. **Please note** Only one instrument/discipline per student may be taught by Music Service staff in schools.

Payments

Fees can be paid half-termly, termly or annually at the Music Centre, by post or in person, **please make cheques payable to Isle of Man Government.** Card payments can be made at the Welcome Centre in person or by telephone (686555 choose Option 1) using a credit or debit card, cheques or cash will still be acceptable. We are planning to offer an online payment system in the near future.

Discontinuing lessons

A minimum of half a term's notice (usually 6 weeks) is required in writing or by email if a pupil wishes to discontinue lessons. Fees are payable until the end of that term or half term, a minimum of 6 weeks, following receipt of written/email notice to discontinue lessons, which must be sent to

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