

Accent Music Education Hub Remission of Fees Policy –Small Group and Individual Lessons, Instrument Hire and Ensemble Tuition - 2023 – 2024.

Accent Music Education Hub seeks to offer children and young people in Warrington and Halton access to the highest quality Music education, and provide additional support for children and young people facing challenging circumstances such as special educational needs.

We believe that young people should have access to high quality provision, both in and out of school, and seek to support this vision through a Remission of Fees policy.

Small Group and Individual Lessons:

Accent Music Education Hub is funded by a Department for Education grant via Arts Council England. Under the terms of the grant, students living or attending school in Warrington and Halton, may be eligible for financial support in relation to small group and individual lessons, which are taught by Accent MEH Tutors.

1 Who Can Apply?

A 50% remission of fees for small group and individual instrumental / vocal lessons can be applied to applications that meet the following criteria:

Applicants must satisfy both points 1 and 2 of the list below and at least one other:

1. Students must live in Warrington, Widnes or Runcorn or attend a school in Warrington or Halton.
2. Students must be in Reception Year – Year 13 and in full time education
3. Students are in receipt of Pupil Premium
4. Families are on Income Support
5. Families are in receipt of Job Seeker's Allowance
6. Families are in receipt of State Pension Credit
7. Families are in receipt of Child Tax Credit
8. Families are in receipt of Universal Credit
9. Asylum Seekers with Leave to Remain status in the UK

A 100% remission of fees can be applied to applications that meet the following criteria:

- Asylum Seekers with no recourse to public funds
- Children in Care (Looked After Children)

2. Who Can't Apply

Remission of fees will not be applied:

- If the student has instrumental and / or vocal lesson with an independent provider
- If the student attends an independent school outside of Warrington or Halton
- If the student is over 18 years of age
- If the student wants a second study instrumental /vocal lesson

3. How to Apply:

- For small group and individual lessons offered in schools, parents should notify the Headteacher that their child would like to have lessons.
- The school will then inform Accent Music Education Hub, who will confirm details of Pupil Premium with the school, and activate the remission, based on the evidence provided from the checklist.

4. Supporting Evidence

You may be asked to provide evidence to support your application by the school, on behalf of Accent Music Education Hub. The following are acceptable sources of evidence:

Employment and Support allowance

Free School Meals Award

HMRC Tax credits*

Housing Benefit

Income Support

Job Seekers Allowance

Self-Assessment Tax Calculation*

Universal Credit*

Please provide the most recent evidence. Screen captures are accepted but evidence must be dated and include the name of the parent and guardian. Evidence that is more than 12 months old must be supported by a recent bank statement confirming that you are still in receipt of the benefit.

5. Period of Support

The remission of fees is reviewed annually. Parents must inform the school / Accent Music Education Hub immediately if entitlement to benefit changes.

Instrument Hire

All students who attend Accent WCET (Whole Class Ensemble Teaching) lessons and ensembles are eligible for **fully subsidised instrument hire** through Accent MEH, regardless of financial status. All children are able to take their instrument home, and insurance is financed by the Hub.

We are unable to subsidise pupils who hire instruments independently.

Ensembles

All students, regardless of financial status can access **Accent Ensembles free of charge**. Further details of our ensembles can be found on the Accent website: –

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/accent-music-education-hub>

We are unable to fund students who attend fee paying ensembles, run by third party organisations.

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