

LWMH Charging and Remissions Policy 2024-25

As of 1st September 2024, the new Music Hub geographies came into effect that saw 117 music hubs in England reduce to just 43. The new reality came about following a change of policy by Arts Council England (ACE) and Department for Education (DfE) which sees music hubs operate across larger geographic areas. RBKC has been appointed as the Hub Lead Organisation (HLO) by ACE/DfE as part of a consortium agreement across seven Local Authorities: Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Kensington and Chelsea, and Westminster. This covers five existing Music Services/Hubs: Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Tri-borough.

All five existing music services/hubs continue to deliver locally, but they operate under a new strategic vision and LWMH Governance Board that will guide the services towards increasingly shared provision over time. There is a lot of work to do to allow the new structure to evolve to best meet the needs of stakeholders across all seven local authorities. Our ambition is to maintain all current existing services and ensure that all our combined students, schools, teachers, and families continue to receive outstanding music education in our West London community.

All five services remain to follow their own Charging and Remissions Policies which are summarised in this document with more information available on their own websites.

Brent Music Service: More details and information [HERE](#).

Ealing Music Service: More details and information [HERE](#).

Harrow Music Service: More details and information [HERE](#).

Hillingdon Music Service: More details and information [HERE](#).

Tri-borough Music Hub: More details and information [HERE](#)

General Summary for Parents/Carers

The 5 services all heavily subsidise the costs of all musical activities to offer value for money to families and to enable equal access. On top of these subsidised prices, families can access remissions off the cost of musical activity if they qualify within any of the following categories.

- **Pupil Premium:** Free School Meals (FSM) at a state school. Your child may be eligible for FSM if you get any of the following:
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
 - Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
 - Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- **Ever 6 Free School Meals** (in receipt of FSM within the last six years)
- **Looked After Children**
- **Post-Looked After Children** (children who have been adopted from care or left care)
- **Service Children** (Ever 6 service child FTE or in receipt of pensions under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme)

Instrument Hire and Charging:

Instruments can be hired and remissions may also be available.