



Love Music Trust Charging and Remissions Policy

Introduction and Overview

Love Music Trust (LMT) is the Hub Lead Organisation (HLO) for the Cheshire and Wirral Music Hub and works in partnership with local and regional music organisations to achieve this aim. The HLO is responsible for reporting to Arts Council England (ACE).

LMT's charging and remissions policy aims to ensure that all children and young people in Cheshire and Wirral have access to high quality music tuition, instrument hire, ensemble membership and other musical activities, regardless of their background. The policy also aims to ensure the financial stability of partner organisations within the Cheshire and Wirral Music Hub to continue to provide for young people of the future.

Charges and Grant funding

LMT will ensure that activities which are supported by ACE grant funding are accessible to children and young people from all backgrounds. In addition, tuition in schools (for example, for First Access (Whole Class Instrumental Learning) in primary schools) is supported by grant funding and enable charges to be reduced in certain cases. For information about LMT's current charges in Cheshire East, please see relevant pages of the LMT website (<https://www.lovemusictrust.com/tuition-charges-CE>). Please see Annex 1 for details of charges in Cheshire West and Chester, and Wirral.

Primary School Grants

LMT's approach in all primary schools is to make First Access and Progression Grants available to on an annual basis. Grants increase in size dependent on the school pupil Number on Roll and grants are available to all schools regardless of provider.

Secondary, Special and Alternative Provision School Grants

LMT's approach in all secondary, special and alternative provision schools is to make grant funding available either to go towards instruments that LMT will purchase and own, but loan out to schools free of charge or for other musical purposes.

Remissions

Children and young people across Cheshire and Wirral should have access to remissions in cases where engaging in musical activity is prohibitive because of cost. Remissions will be available to children educated at a school and/or residing within Cheshire and Wirral.

LMT will provide remissions in the following ways:



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Individual lessons in Cheshire East

50% remission on fees for those in receipt of pupil premium funding on lessons of up to 20 minutes per week

100% remission on fees for cared for children on lessons of up to 20 minutes per week

LMT will ask the school to confirm pupil premium or cared for child status.

Instrument hire in Cheshire East

Cared for children and those in receipt of pupil premium funding will be provided with an instrument at a discounted price of £1 per month

50% discount on instrument hire for all pupils for the first twelve months when lessons are taken with a LMT tutor

LMT will ask the school to confirm pupil premium or cared for child status.

Ensemble membership in Cheshire East

25% for subsequent ensembles and for membership of siblings

70% for those eligible for pupil premium funding

100% for cared for children

LMT will ask the child's school to confirm pupil premium or cared for child status.

Residentials, concerts, tours etc. (in Cheshire East)

Throughout the academic year the LMT runs various events including:

Orchestral weekend

Vocal residential

Saxophone day

Percussion day

As with ensembles, children/families in receipt of Income Support and children eligible for Pupil Premium funding are entitled to a 70% remission on event fees. Cared for Children receive a 100% remission of events fees. Parents/carers will be asked to provide supporting documentary evidence after signing up for the events.

Additional events may be added through the calendar year for which remissions and subsidies will be similarly provided.

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Mr Mark Humphries, Chair of Trustees

Next Review Date: December 2026

Annex 1 – Charging and Remissions, and Edsential CIC

In Cheshire West and Chester, and Wirral, Edsential CIC provide tuition, ensembles and other musical activities for young people, supported by the ACE Revenue Grant. As such, they will charge for musical activity and provide remissions in line with the above policy. For more information, please see the Edsential website (<https://edsential.com/music-for-families/> and <https://edsential.com/wpcontent/uploads/2023/08/Remissions-Policy-for-music-2022.pdf>).