

Access to music making for all

North Yorkshire County Music Service



Introduction

The Music Service offers a **varied programme of support for schools** and is **committed** to ensuring that **every child** has the opportunity to make music. As the lead organisation for the North Yorkshire Music Hub we provide **support to schools** and other settings to enable them to meet their requirements of the **National Plan for Music Education**, giving every child the chance to sing and learn to play a musical instrument. We do this by offering **high quality specialist instrumental teachers**, providing a **range of tuition types** from individual to large groups, enabling pupils from all financial backgrounds have access to music lessons.

What we offer

Tuition ranges from whole class instrumental and voice lessons to large groups, smaller groups and individual tuition. We also provide **bespoke workshops** and continual professional development (CPD) for school based music teachers.

Schools can purchase in-school tuition for:

- Whole Class Instrumental Sessions
- Large Group Instrumental Ensemble – Extra Curricular
- Groups of 8
- Cluster Groups
- Workshops
- Curriculum Teaching / Support Sessions

We offer

- Music Curriculum Health Check and general advice
- Instrument Hire

Benefits for your Organisation

We take care of everything – all the administration, recruitment and child protection policies are covered so **you don't have to worry**.

The service also offers a **range of packages** to support the school music curriculum, wider curriculum and extra curricular activities. These are bespoke packages tailored to your needs but might include djembe/samba workshops, running school music clubs and curriculum support.

As the Lead Organisation in the North Yorkshire Music Hub we also offer a **“health check”** package. This is designed to **support the senior management team** helping them to identify strengths and areas for development in the school music curriculum.

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Packages and Services

Whole Class Music Curriculum Sessions

Whole class tuition develops pupil's instrumental and vocal skills whilst covering the requirements of the National Curriculum. This offers a cost effective way of providing PPA cover and fulfilling the music curriculum at the same time. Sessions are delivered by qualified teachers who are music specialists. These sessions can be used towards achieving the Arts Award and the New Arts Mark.

How it works

- We will work alongside the music coordinator to develop a schools music plan.
- Our music health check, using the service's toolkit can help senior leaders to assess the quality and direction of their music curriculum.
- We can teach the National Curriculum for Music using orchestral instruments, guitars, keyboards or percussion
- Instrument hire is included.
- CPD opportunities for school based staff.

Please note: there is no requirement for a member of school teaching staff to be present but we find the lessons are most successful when a teacher is engaged in the work our staff are doing and continues our work between lessons.

Large Group Instrumental Ensemble

These sessions support children's instrumental development across the music curriculum within a large ensemble setting and can be taught during the school day or as an extra-curricular activity. As well as the large ensemble, the sessions can be used to help set up an orchestra, brass band, choir and to assist with school productions.

How it works

- Our peripatetic teacher will work alongside the school's music coordinator or permanent member of the schools teaching staff.[^]
- The pupils are taught within an ensemble.
- These sessions can be used by schools wishing to develop their own school ensemble.
- A variety of instruments can be taught, such as strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, guitar, voice and keyboard.
- Gives pupils accessing individual instrumental tuition the opportunity to participate in a large ensemble which can cater for pupils of various abilities.
- Instrument hire is included.

[^] Please note: a member of the school staff must remain in the class whilst sessions are taking place.

Groups of 8

An option for pupils to develop their instrumental skills through large group teaching and this can be taught during the school day or as an extra-curricular activity.

How it works

- Pupils are taught within a small ensemble by one of our peripatetic staff. This is ideal for schools where parents are unable to access instrumental tuition due to cost as the cost per session can be divided by the number of pupils attending.
- Sessions are half an hour long for up to 8 pupils.
- Instrument hire is included.
- Single instrument and mixed instrumental groups are supported.

Cluster Groups

Cluster Groups are offered as an extra-curricular activity where pupils from a number of schools can join together to form a group which meets on a regular basis and is of particular benefit to small schools where creating an ensemble is difficult.

How it works

- Pupils are taught within an ensemble by one of our peripatetic staff.
- Ideal for beginners or more experienced pupils.
- Can build on skills learned during year one of the Wider Opportunities Programme.
- Instrument hire is included.

Workshops

If you are thinking of holding a workshop, the Music Service can organise and deliver an event for you. For example we offer workshops in samba, djembe, instrumental or bespoke to your requirements.

Workshops are a particularly useful channel for enrichment days or transition days.

Curriculum Support

Curriculum Support is a way of accessing expert advice and help on all aspects of the music curriculum and teaching music in schools. Charged on an hourly basis the curriculum support package is particularly of benefit for staff to develop skills and for CPD.

We run a number of Music Network Meetings throughout the year and places can be booked through SmartSolutions Online.

Music Curriculum “Health Check”

The aim of the “Health Check” is to evaluate current music provision and help schools develop a considered music plan which will contribute to a broad and balanced curriculum. The Health Check is in the form of a toolkit which looks at all aspects of the music curriculum and extra-curricular activities, teaching and learning and leadership and management. The school can use the toolkit themselves or work on it with one of our qualified teachers, who will offer advice around areas the school may need to develop.

The Service is always in demand especially as the assessment can be used as part of the New Arts Mark process.

Instrument Only Hire

We can supply a range of instruments to enable schools to continue the Wider Opportunities Programme with their own teaching staff. There are options for special interest instruments such as djembe.

There are a number of standard terms and conditions attached to instrument hire – for further information please contact the Music Service.

The National Plan for Music Education and the Wider Opportunities Programme

Supporting music for all is a key priority in the Government’s initiative “The Importance of Music: a National Plan for Music Education”. It sets out to ensure:

- that all pupils have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument in a class situation
- that all pupils have the opportunity for continuation of learning an instrument
- there is a singing strategy
- there is the opportunity for pupils to play in ensembles outside the school day.

Our Wider Opportunities Programme is a rolling programme where all schools have the opportunity to access whole class instrumental tuition. Schools are offered 35 one hour whole class sessions, one term of which is free. The flexible programme offers a choice of three packages: Gold, Silver and Bronze.

All the packages include access to free instruments and an opportunity to take a free ‘music curriculum health check’.

Silver and Gold packages include a range of extras such as support from a qualified music specialist teacher, CPD events, school workshop or concert and support with Arts Award.

The Wider Opportunities teacher will plan lessons, liaise with school staff re. delivery and report on pupil progress. All the wider opportunities packages support pupils to access beginner ensembles in school. The teacher will also work closely over the year with the Music Co-ordinator to raise the profile of music in the school and support any identified areas of concern.

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