**The Music Partnership Remissions Policy**

The Music Partnership (TMP) believes that a quality music education is for everyone and that all children should have an equitable entitlement to quality provision. Across the Partnership a range of programmes and support offers are available, and these are summarised below by area. TMP is also committed to finding support for any young person, even if the options listed are not applicable.

**Entrust Music Service Staffordshire**

* The Music Service works closely with schools to support lesson costs using Pupil Premium for families in receipt of Free School Meals. Pupil Premium funding is often allocated in support of music lessons.
* Instruments are loaned to pupils having lessons with the Music Service or attending a Music Service Group / Ensemble at no additional charge
* All Music Service Groups and Ensembles are provided free of charge for children living or educated in Staffordshire. This includes ‘Blast Off’ an online music group for beginners.
* All Looked after Children in Years 4,5 and 6 are entitled to a music lesson fully funded with the Music Service through partnership with the Staffordshire Virtual School
* The Furthering Talent scheme from Awards for Young Musicians provides funding for lessons for children with identified musical talent who are from low-income families
* FOSYM Awards can support children who are not eligible for the above programmes but who are still unable to afford the cost of music lessons.

Contact Entrust Music Service Staffordshire for more information or to request support: [musicservice@entrust-ed.co.uk](mailto:musicservice@entrust-ed.co.uk)

**Stoke-on-Trent City Music Service**

* The Music Service works closely with schools to support lesson costs using Pupil Premium for families in receipt of Free School Meals. Pupil Premium funding is often allocated in support of music lessons.
* Instruments are loaned to pupils having lessons with the Music Service or attending a Music Service Group / Ensemble at no additional charge for pupils in receipt of Free School Meals.
* All Music Service Groups and Ensembles are provided free of charge for children living or educated in Stoke-on-Trent.
* All Looked after Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are entitled to a music lesson fully funded with the Music Service through partnership with the Stoke-on-Trent Virtual School.

Contact City Music Service for more information or to request support: [citymusicservice@stoke.gov.uk](mailto:citymusicservice@stoke.gov.uk)

**Telford & Wrekin Music**

* All young people whose family meet the criteria for Free School Meals and Working Tax Credits will be funded to have small group instrumental lessons for one academic year only with Telford & Wrekin Music (or 30 weeks depending on when they start). This will include children & young people who currently attend Academy Schools.
* All those children receiving lessons will receive free of charge, for one-year musical instrument hire (apart from guitar, keyboard, or drums) as long as they are receiving lessons through TWM.
* Children in Care will continue to be fully funded to access small group lessons with TWM and these lessons can be applied for by their school/social worker.
* The Music Service works closely with schools to support lesson costs using Pupil Premium once the 30-week period has finished.

Contact Telford & Wrekin Music for more information or to request support: [telford.music@telford.gov.uk](mailto:telford.music@telford.gov.uk)