

# Essex Music Service Schools 2023-24



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# Serving our schools

Alongside our offer of Learn-It! 1-to-1 instrumental teaching across schools in Essex, we are delighted to bring to our school colleagues our provision for the 2023-24 academic year.

All of our provision is inclusive, designed to support you and your school as part of the personal, social, academic and developmental journey of your young people through music.

## **Learn-It! - simple administration for schools**

Our Direct Parent Billing service means we manage the applications for tuition and payments from parents so you can concentrate on creating a timetable that works for your school.

## **Discounts**

We continue to offer our highly subsidised tuition discount of up to 66%, and The Virtual School generously funds 15 minutes per week for Looked After Children (LAC) or Post-Looked After Children (PLAC). LAC, PLAC and children who have or have had a social worker can also benefit from additional musical investment from the Virtual School.

## **SEND support**

Our staff are trained in working with students with Special Educational Needs (SEND) on a day-to-day basis, working with the school. We also have a number of specialist staff working in SEND settings and are trained to work with a broad range of students with needs.

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# Play-It!

## **Develop musicianship by learning to play an instrument as a whole class.**

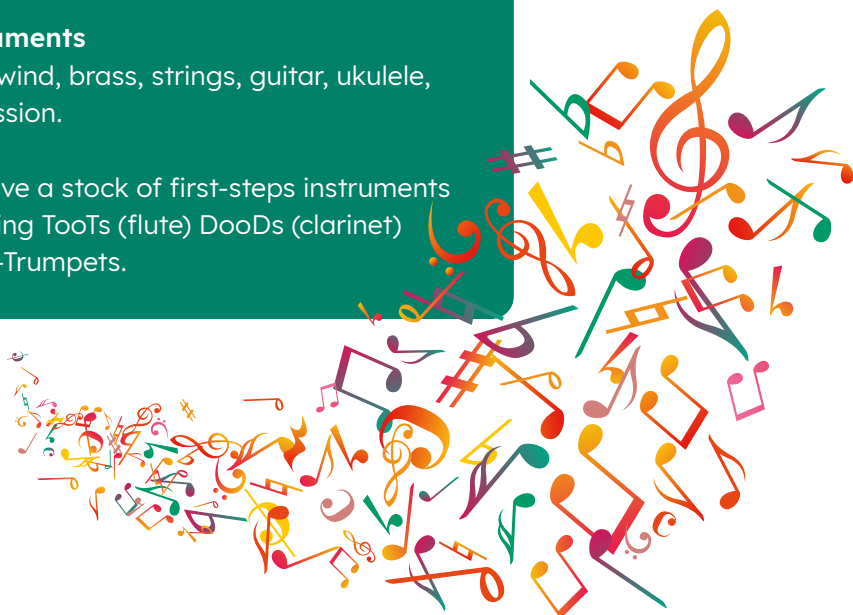
Children learn to play a musical instrument as a class alongside their teacher led by a specialist music tutor from Essex Music Service. They will learn what it means to be a musician, developing understanding and skills needed for musical learning through learning to play an instrument.

Support student progression in KS1-3 and embed instrumental learning through subsequent terms of Play-It! delivery, or delivery in different year groups. You provide the children, we provide the specialist teacher and instruments, if you need them!

### **Instruments**

Woodwind, brass, strings, guitar, ukulele, percussion.

We have a stock of first-steps instruments including TooTs (flute) DooDs (clarinet) and P-Trumpets.



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# Play-It!

To support schools to embed instrumental learning into their curriculum we are offering the following funding options:

## KS2 offer

1 term of Play-It provision in 1 year group fully subsidised if booked alongside a conversation with a member of your School Leadership Team or the music co-ordinator.

Or 1 free term with all additional terms charged at £342 per class.

Additional weeks of delivery within a term £34.20 per week.

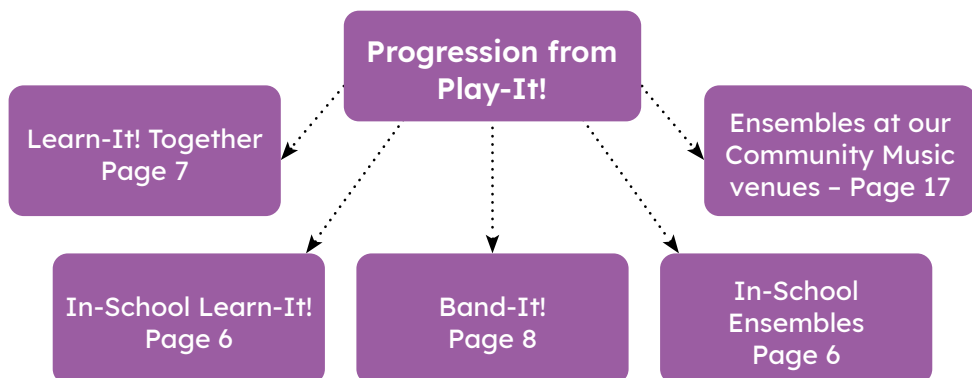
## KS1 and 3

£342 per class per term

**£342**  
**per term**

(45mins x 10 weeks)  
**Maximum 33 students**  
**per class**

**Additional**  
**weeks £34.20.**  
**One and two-**  
**term options**  
**available**



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# Learn-It!

## Individual instrumental learning in 1-to-1, or groups of two or three.

Continuing to learn music through their instrument, we offer high-quality tuition with our experienced staff to support and develop your students' musicianship.

### In-school ensembles

Looking to bring your students together in an ensemble? No matter the mix of ability or instruments, we have the staff!

Be it choirs, orchestras, or bands - from beginners to high level we can provide you with an experienced tutor to coach your students in the joy of making music together in your school!

Ensembles are charged at £34.20 per hour.

Simple administration for your school as we handle all payments from parents at no cost to you

**£57**  
for two-pupil lessons of 20 minutes, or three-pupil lessons of 30 minutes

Individual lessons start at **£85.50** per term for 15 minutes a week



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# Learn-It! Together

**Small group instrumental learning for beginners in groups of 4 to 6 students.**

Learn to play a musical instrument as part of a small group or continue learning following on from Play-It!

Learn-It! Together sessions allow students to develop musicianship and performance skills as part of an ensemble alongside increasing instrumental technique on one instrument.

“Music enhances the education of our children by helping them to make connections and broadening the depth with which they think and feel.

If we are to hope for a society of culturally literate people, music must be a vital part of our children’s education.”

Yo-Yo Ma

**£45**  
**per student**  
per term with free  
instrument hire for  
the first term only

£22.50 per  
term for tuition  
discount and free  
for LAC/PLAC. Only  
available to direct  
parent billing  
schools



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## Band-It!

### Have you got the next rock star in your school?

Take a group of 4 to 6 students, give them electric guitars, bass guitars, a drum-kit, keyboard, microphones, amps and other equipment with a specialist tutor and watch them rock! We can provide suitable equipment if you need it.

**£60**  
per student  
per term and £30  
for tuition discount  
students



## Musical nurture groups

Aimed at vulnerable children in your setting, these child-led sessions of 4 to 6 students develop their musical ability as well as resilience, and social and emotional wellbeing.

**£171**  
for 10 x 30 minute  
sessions with funding  
support available  
for schools with  
vulnerable  
students.



# Be a singing school!

**Supporting you and your students in singing well, singing safely, and singing together.**

Leading singing can be scary! We have a range of options to help you and your school develop a strong singing programme.

## **Curriculum package**

Our curriculum package includes discounted membership to Sing Up as well as practical activities in Charanga and Focus on Sound – see page 8 for further details.

## **Workshops**

We can offer singing workshops at all Key Stages through our Sing-It! workshops – see pages 10 and 11 for further details.

## **Learn-It!**

We have tutors across the county who can lead whole-class singing, choirs and deliver individual and small-group lessons – see page 4 for further details.

## **Special events**

We regularly run special events for schools such as our special workshops with vocal leads such as Randolph Matthews, Gabrieli ROAR, Papagena, and The Queen's Six as well as others – be sure to sign up to our newsletter via our website for details!

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# Curriculum resources

**A suite of online curriculum resources to support all aspects of the music curriculum delivery in school.**

We work with our partners to provide training and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for you to get the best use of the resources in school across the year.

We offer a variety of resources including Charanga Musical School, Sing Up and Sparkyard at Primary level, Charanga Secondary (including VIP Studios), Focus on Sound, and Sing Up at Secondary level, and we work with each SEND setting to find the best fit using these resources.

## Charanga

An online music platform that contains resources for all areas of curriculum and extra-curricular musical activities in primary, secondary and SEND settings. Includes curriculum schemes, resources for singing and instrumental lessons and material especially developed for Essex schools. YuStudio, an online Digital Audio Workspace, is available for KS2-5 with VIP Studios available for KS3-4.



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### Sing Up

Discounted membership for an online resource that embeds singing into the heart of your school.



### Sparkyard

Discounted membership for an online resource that embeds singing into the heart of your school.

### Focus On Sound

Cloud based curriculum music support for KS3-5, including materials for GCSE and A Level examinations.



**£125\***  
per academic  
year

\*£75 for schools with  
less than 100 pupils  
on roll

eLearning  
schools receive  
a 65% discount on  
Sing Up.  
All other schools  
receive a 40%  
discount

All Essex schools  
can receive 30%  
discount to  
Sparkyard  
membership





# Workshops

**Enhancing existing music curriculum and offer cross-curricular opportunities by bringing students together through music.**

Looking for that launchpad experience to develop music in your school? We offer a range of assemblies, half-day and full-day workshops to support you in music and in cross-curricular activities.

## Arts Award

If you are looking for accreditation for your students in the Arts, we can support you to explore, embed and deliver an Arts Award programme from Discover to Gold level.

## Artsmark Awards

Looking to use the Arts to drive change and progression in your school? We are here to support schools who are embarking on an Artsmark journey and our music tuition, curriculum support and workshop provision can form part of your school's creative development.

## Conductive Music

Get creative with technology with a two-day STEAM session exploring digital music making and coding. The sessions are fully interactive, imaginative and creative, allowing pupils to investigate and explore both music and computing.

## DJ Workshops now

Give your students an introduction to being a DJ and hands on experience on the decks in small groups.



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### **Sing-It!**

Tailored for beginners through to more able singers, we provide an inspiring day-long workshop, culminating in a short concert for parents and carers.

### **Drum-It!**

A day's workshop with one of our specialist tutors and instruments including West African Djembe, Indian Dhol and Dholak, Samba, and Aboriginal Didgeridoo.

### **Create-It!**

A workshop that results in an original song being written for your whole school, by your students! By the end of the day your school will have a recording of its own unique song that you can use on your website and at events.

### **Rap-It!**

Tailored to your school's needs, Rap-It! introduces students to the world of rap, hip-hop, grime and spoken word. These sessions are a perfect way to develop confidence in students, enhance and link to music and other curricula, especially English and literacy.

### **Bespoke Workshops**

Looking for something unique not listed above? Get in touch as we can create a bespoke offer for your school, including song-writing and cross-curricular packages.

**£210**  
**per day**



# School Music CPD

## Subject specific guidance for subject leads

We're here to not only support you in your role, but also to bring you together with other music teachers through online networks, group meetings, and an annual schools' music conference – we're better together!

### MIDAS

Our free 'Music Improvement, Development and Support' scheme works with you and your school to identify where you are on your musical journey, where you want to go, and how we support you to get there through CPD, curriculum work and other methods tailored to your needs.

### Networks

We run a range of free primary, secondary and SEND networks online each term to bring school staff together, often focused on a topic with an invited specialist.

Sign up for our half-termly newsletter to stay up to date with the latest news and offers.



**“The Model Music Curriculum’s expectation of a minimum of one hour’s classroom music per week from Year 1 to Year 9 - with first access instrumental tuition, and musical ensembles in addition to that one hour – could make a substantial difference to the musical lives of our children and young people, and to the country at large.”**

Simon Toyne, President of the Music Teachers' Association



### **Ofsted's expectation is that:**

- Schools and academies have clear, well sequenced plans for the music curriculum that at least match the ambition set out in the National Curriculum
- These plans are delivered with sufficient time and resources, and good teaching, with teachers supported well through quality CPD
- This all has good impact as seen by secure and incremental learning of the technical, constructive and expressive knowledge that students need for their future participation in and enjoyment of music.

### **School CPD**

We have a programme of CPD delivered alongside our partner organisations. Our senior management team includes practising primary and secondary teachers and we're more than happy to support you.

### **Teach-It!**

We can offer PPA and music curriculum cover within your school. We have many outstanding music tutors with years of teaching experience who can deliver music education as part of your team. These specialists can also support other teachers to develop their practice, or simply cover the skills gap that you have within your school.



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# Beyond the School Day

## Bringing our young people together

Across our wonderful county we have a network of out-of-school venues and options for all our young people, be it orchestral, vocal, rock and pop, music tech and more!

### Essex Music Schools

Across the county our Essex Music Schools bring together children from the area, enabling smoother transition from Year 6 to Year 7, offering a range of 1-to-1, small group and ensemble provision.

### Junior Programmes

A mixed programme of group instrumental and vocal sessions at the Mercury in Colchester and in Harlow, this is the perfect follow-on for Play-It! out of school time, or for those wanting to start their musical journey.

### Community Music Centres

Running after-school and on Saturdays across the county, with one per district of Essex, our Community Music Centres are hives of group music-making!





# County Ensembles

## Offering opportunities for all across our county

We are proud to a number of leading and high-achieving top-level ensembles, including:

- Essex Youth Orchestra
- Essex Youth Choir
- Essex Youth Jazz Orchestra
- Essex Symphonic Wind Orchestra
- Essex Youth Brass Ensemble

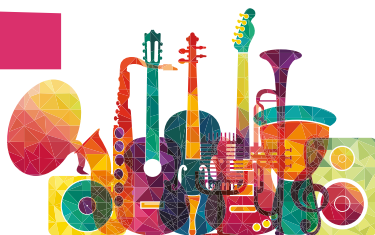
This doesn't happen by accident – we also run a number of starter ensembles in our community music venues as well as intermediate ensembles including our Essex Young People's Orchestra to bring together young people together in making music with each other.

If you have a young person in your setting who would benefit from joining such an ensemble, please get in touch or visit our website.



**“Elemental music is never just music. It’s bound up with movement, dance and speech, and so it is a form of music in which one must participate, in which one is involved not as a listener but as a co-performer.”**

Carl Orff



## Further information

### Terms and Conditions

Our terms and conditions are published annually and are held on our website.

Our provision is offered subject to availability of workforce and budget where appropriate.

Our notice periods for ongoing provision are at the half-term holiday of each term to end at that term.

### Quality assurance

We run a comprehensive CPD programme for our tutors in order to develop and support them as well as ensuring they can bring their best when working in your setting.

Tutors are also visited annually by a lead tutor for observation and feedback.

### Safeguarding

All music service staff are part of Essex County Council, and as such undergo a minimum requirement of biennial ESCB Level 2 Safeguarding & Child Protection training.

Our tutors are also on the DBS Update Service, and we provide Single Central Record requests for settings as appropriate.



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Drake Music  
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Essex Libraries  
Essex Virtual School  
Essex Youth Service  
Evergreen  
Focus on Sound  
Gabrieli ROAR  
GAK

IEM  
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Kit Theatre  
Livewire  
MusicFirst  
MusicMark  
Orchestras Live  
Reel Music  
Royal Opera House Bridge  
Saffron Centre for Young  
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