

# Kent Music Financial Assistance Scheme

January to August 2019

For Children and Young People aged 5-18 years

## Information & Criteria



**Due to such high demand for bursaries, we have closed the scheme for instrumental and vocal tuition and will re-open it in time for the 2019/20 academic year. However, you can still apply for financial assistance for Kent Music Summer School, Music Centre ensembles and Music Labs.**

## Summary

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The Kent Music Financial Assistance Scheme (also known as 'Bursary') is for children and young people aged 5- 18 years, living in Kent and Medway.

Successful applicants will receive 75% of the activity fee needed to access Kent Music activities (eg Kent Music Summer School, Music Centre ensembles and Music Labs).

Financial Assistance is awarded for **one** activity each year, or part of, on a first-come-first-served basis and is subject to funds being available. Activities should not be commenced if you are relying on assistance to meet the payment.

Information about other grant/funding opportunities is available on the Financial Assistance page of the Kent Music website [www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance](http://www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance).

## Instrument Loans

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Kent Music operates a musical instrument loan scheme and will aim to provide the child or young person in receipt of funding from the Kent Music Financial Assistance Scheme with an instrument free of charge as part of the agreement.

In some instances, for example piano or drum kits, we will not be able to provide an instrument and the cost of the instrument should be covered by the family or pupil, however we will provide you with the details of organisations that can support the loan/purchase of an instrument.

## Criteria

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Financial Assistance is available to children and young people from families who meet at least **one** or more of the following (you will be asked to provide a photocopy/scan of **one** supporting document with your application form):

1. Children and young people eligible for Free School Meals (year 3 or above)
2. Income Support/Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
3. Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
4. Child Tax Credit/Working Tax Credit/Universal Credit
5. Incapacity Benefit
6. Unaccompanied minors and refugees
7. Young People Leaving Care
8. Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)
9. Housing Benefit
10. Asylum Support
11. Looked After Children
12. Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)

Sections 2-9 may apply to parents/carers as well as young people (aged 16-24 years).

**Kent Music is committed to enabling children and young people access music opportunities. If you feel you need support but do not qualify according to the criteria above, please complete the form and submit with additional details of your circumstances.**

## Application Process

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- The Finance Administrator will confirm receipt of your application and we aim to process all applications within one month of receipt. Please do not start activities until you have received confirmation if you are relying on this financial assistance to pay your fees.
- All Kent Music invoices to parent/carers/organisations will have the assistance element of the lesson detailed on their invoice.
- Financial Assistance is in place from the term awarded and for the rest of the academic year for Music Centres and Music Labs.
- Awards are for the academic year 18/19 or part of. If your child attends a Kent Music Centre or Music Lab you will be contacted during the summer 2019 term and given the opportunity to re-apply for financial assistance for the following academic year.
- Summer School beneficiaries will be required to re-apply for financial assistance for the summer 2020 courses following the release of the Summer School applications (late autumn 2019)

# Contact Us

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\*Kent Music is committed to the provision of safe quality services and reserves the right to evaluate the tuition provided by providers as part of our Quality Assurance process.