

Music Hub Funded Opportunities

Terms, Conditions and Guidelines

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Introduction

In 2012 Kent Music became the lead organisation for the Music Hub for Kent. The Kent Hub works with nearly 600 state funded schools and a range of partners to deliver services contributing to the aims for Music Hubs, as outlined by Arts Council England.

The following are Terms, Conditions and Guidelines for the usage of funds allocated to state schools through Kent Music in its role as the lead organisation for Music Education in Kent.

Useful definitions and acronyms

ACE: Arts Council England

Annual survey: Kent Music's annual survey which is sent out in the summer term

CPD: continuing professional development

DfE: Department for Education

MH/Music Hub: groups of organisations - such as local authorities, schools, other hubs, art organisations, community or voluntary organisations - working together to create joined-up music education provision, responding to local need and fulfilling the objectives of the hub as set out in the national plan for music education

MusicPlus: is the name for the funded KS2 Whole Class Instrumental Tuition (WCIT) programme in Kent provided by Kent Music and other music education providers. The programme incorporates whole class instrumental teaching, CPD, and Quality Assurance

MusicPlus Digital: Kent Music's online resource for whole class KS2 ukulele tuition

Agency project: [Agency Projects](#) are set up by a nursery, school, academy, college or other learning centre requiring a specialist teacher for their music delivery.

National Plan for Music Education (NPME): a DfE document published in June 2022 which sets out a vision for all children and young people to learn to sing, play an instrument and create music together, to have the opportunity to progress their musical interests and talents, including professionally

Quality Assurance: Kent Music's supportive programme for assuring the quality of music provision.

Contacts

Area Manager

Your Area Manager is on hand to support with funded opportunities and can advise you directly about the needs of your school. Find your local Area Manager and how to get in touch with them on our website at: www.kent-music.com/area-managers

Area Administration Team

The Area Administration team support with the scheduling of Kent Music *MusicPlus*, continuation, and agency projects. customerservices@kent-music.com

Music Resources

Please contact the music resources team to organise the collection or delivery of instruments that are hired from Kent Music. Further information on the services they provide can be found at, they are contactable on musicresources@kent-music.com

Hub Team

If you have further questions about Kent Music's funded opportunities for schools, we ask that you contact a member of the Hub Team where they will be able to answer your questions about MusicPlus provision and providers, ensemble leaders, CPD, bespoke support and resource access. To get in contact email schools@kent-music.com

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR ALL STATE SCHOOLS

1. General Information on Funded Opportunities

1.1. Where funded opportunities are provided to schools, it is to assist in the enabling of the main aims for Music Hubs as outlined by Arts Council England. These are:

- **Supporting schools and other educational settings to deliver high-quality music education**
- **Support young people to develop their musical interests and talent further, including into employment**
- **Support all children and young people to engage with a range of musical opportunities in and out of school**

1.2. The action of providing funded opportunities to schools is a choice made by Kent Music and not a directive from the Arts Council England (ACE). Every Music Hub will engage with their schools differently.

1.3. Kent schools engaging in funded opportunities must adhere to the terms and conditions for their selected funded opportunity. Kent Music reserves the right to stop funded projects and opportunities at any point in the year in any school and at any key stage if the Terms and Conditions are not adhered to.

1.4 It is the school's responsibility to make Kent Music aware of any changes in personnel, changes to contact details or bank details. Funded opportunities missed due to miscommunication will not be guaranteed.

2. Kent Music Annual Survey, Monitoring and Reporting

2.1. Kent Music is required by ACE to provide annual data showing the impact of the funded opportunities they provide. It is therefore a requirement of the receipt of funded projects and opportunities that schools complete the annual survey from Kent Music, the results of which are fed back to ACE.

NON-COMPLETION OF THIS SURVEY WILL RESULT IN FUNDED OPPORTUNITIES BEING LIMITED

3. Quality Assurance

3.1. The 2013 Ofsted report 'Music in Schools; what hubs must do' stated that music education hubs should 'have regular supportive, challenging conversations with each of their schools about the quality of music education' Because of this, Kent Music reserves the right to quality assure any of its funded opportunities at any time.

3.2. Kent schools in receipt of funded projects and opportunities must agree to work with and meet Kent Music staff when necessary, to ensure that all funded activities are of a high standard and quality.

4. Crediting

4.1. Funding comes from the Department for Education, managed by Arts Council England. Arts Council England has produced a logo to be used when crediting funding from Music Education Hubs. The logo is available at <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/advice-and-guidance-library/logo-and-guidelines#section-5>

4.2. The ACE logo MUST be used on all printed material used for public events that are funded by the Music Hub. Schools do not have to use this logo on their website if they are in receipt of projects and opportunities funded by the hub. The logo is only required to be used for public events which have been funded using ACE funding received from Kent Music.

5. Kent Music Teachers

Our commitment to Schools and Education Providers:

- Kent Music and their partnership providers offer experienced teachers, without the school incurring employment costs or overheads.
- Our teachers and the teachers of our partnership providers are subject to a monitoring (quality assurance) system and are supported with a training programme throughout the year, including mandatory Child Protection training.
- All staff working with children and young people have a current enhanced disclosure through Disclosure & Barring Service

FUNDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOLS

6. Funded Opportunities

The options for funded opportunities that Kent Music provide will differ slightly based on the type of school accessing them. The diagram below demonstrates what is on offer for different schools.

- 6.1. Each school in Kent will be able to access free CPD opportunities and will then be able to select one other funded opportunity that will be funded by Kent Music.
- 6.2. Schools may wish to engage in more than one funded opportunity per school year. In this case, schools would be required to financially contribute towards additional support.
- 6.3. Schools will be asked to apply for their funded opportunity in the summer term ahead of the academic year they wish to access it in. Kent Music will endeavour to allocate schools their first choice of funded opportunity where possible.
- 6.4. Schools will be required to complete the Kent Music annual survey to access funded opportunities
- 6.5. Funding cannot be used to:
 - subsidise the costs of 1-1 or small group tuition*
 - buy, hire, or mend instruments*
 - pay for performance licenses
 - pay for one-off events and workshops
 - purchase stationery
 - pay for salaried classroom staff

**Students can apply to the Kent Music bursary fund and financial assistance scheme to support the costs of their tuition. Information on this can be found on our website. In addition, if students need financial support to help with costs of instrumental and vocal tuition, we encourage schools to consider the use of Pupil Premium funding to support their costs.*



7. Funded Opportunity - Ensemble Leader

7.1. Primary, junior, secondary and special schools can opt for an ensemble leader to provide extracurricular ensemble provision. The school will receive an amount of funding to support ensemble provision.

Junior and primary schools will receive a contribution of £720 towards the running of an ensemble across the academic year. Secondary schools are asked to inform the Music Hub of the number of ensembles being run in the school and an allocation will be made to support the running of ensembles.

- 7.2. In the instances where the funding amount does not fully subsidise the cost for running the ensemble the school is expected to financially contribute towards the running of the ensemble.
- 7.3. Where Kent Music provides the ensemble leader to the schools, the funding for this provision will be directed to Kent Music.
- 7.4. Where schools source their ensemble provision through one of our partner providers we will send funding straight to the partner. (Please speak to your Area Manager or member of the Hub Team to confirm who our partner providers are)
- 7.5. Where schools source a private instrumental or vocal teacher to deliver their ensemble provision, we will directly fund the school in two payments, an autumn term payment and a spring term payment.
- 7.6. Where needed, the hire of instruments is at an additional cost. Prices can be found on our website: www.kent-music.com/musical-instrument-hire/
- 7.7. If schools decide to access an ensemble leader as an additional opportunity outside of the one funded by Kent Music per year, they will be responsible for the additional cost.
- 7.8. Funding for ensemble leaders cannot be used to subsidise the running of whole class instrumental projects in KS3 or curriculum teaching at any keystage.
- 7.9 The funding for ensembles cannot be used to pay school teachers or classroom teachers to run ensembles.

8. Funded Opportunity - Bespoke Support

- 8.1. All school types can opt for bespoke support to aid their curriculum development, provide staff training and support improvement of music provision in their school.
- 8.2. Schools will be required to go through an auditing process with Kent Music to best allocate the funding towards support mechanisms.
- 8.3. Bespoke support will be tailored to each school. Kent Music and the school will work together to plan towards the school's vision for music.
- 8.4. The bespoke support offer is designed to take place within an academic year to best embed the practice into the school's approach to delivering curriculum music and other musical activities. Funded opportunities cannot be carried over.
- 8.5. Only schools requesting their support and training needs from Kent Music can request a funded opportunity for bespoke support.
- 8.6 All schools allocated funding amount for bespoke support will be directed to Kent Music to cover costs for Delivery.

9. Funded Opportunity – Sing Up!

- 9.1 All school types can opt for Sing Up! membership for one year as a funded opportunity.
- 9.2 Sing Up membership must be obtained through Kent Music to receive membership through funded opportunities.
- 9.3 Schools are not able to receive membership to other online resources or curriculum resources through funded opportunities.
- 9.4 Where a school already has membership to Sing Up! they will not be reimbursed in order to receive this option through funded opportunities.
- 9.5 Where a school already has a membership to Sing Up! and is due for renewal during the academic year 23-24 Kent Music can provide them a renewal as part of funded opportunities where this has been opted for.

10. Funded Opportunity - MusicPlus

- 10.1. All funded *MusicPlus* teaching must be undertaken by a competent music teacher, either: a salaried music specialist employed by the school with the sole responsibility for music delivery or a visiting music specialist. **We will not fund *MusicPlus* projects led by non-specialist music teachers or classroom teachers. We will not fund *MusicPlus* projects delivered on Ocarina or Djembe. Whole class instrumental teaching on these instruments can take place in all other year groups and must be paid for by the school.**
- 10.2 All mainstream schools who have selected a *MusicPlus* project are required to use this funding towards a project in **one KS2 year group** or mixed year group if a smaller school.

- 10.3. If a school has chosen to engage Kent Music, or one of its official partner providers, to deliver their *MusicPlus* provision, funds for that provision will be directed to Kent Music or the provider. *MusicPlus* provision is part funded by ACE through a grant to Kent Music. This funding covers two thirds of the cost of the programme and schools are expected to make up the difference which amounts to £360 per class/project.
- 10.4. Kent Music *MusicPlus* projects are designed to be 30 weeks in length for one year group, with one hour per class/project of teaching time. Funding from Kent Music will cover 20 weeks of the 30-week programme where the school will be expected to contribute the cost of a 10 week project which is £360.
- 10.5. An invoice for the *MusicPlus* cost and instrument hire payable by the school will be issued by email during the academic year and will outline the payment methods available. Payment is due within 14 days from the date on your invoice. A reminder email will be issued if an invoice remains unpaid after 14 days. Kent Music reserves the right to discontinue teaching with immediate effect following an overdue invoice. Sessions cancelled due to non-payment will not be rescheduled or refunded and instruments will be collected.
- 10.6. MPD is a blended learning approach to teaching and the full programme takes place over 30 weeks for one hour per active school week. Access to the resource can be provided for a fee of £50 per school.
- 10.7. Kent Music partnership providers may provide 20-week programmes to schools.
- 10.8. Schools who engage with Kent Music or one of their providers to deliver their *MusicPlus* provision should regularly communicate with them about their music curriculum and topics being covered during the curriculum music sessions to enable teachers to plan effectively and provide links to curriculum learning.
- 10.9. Where *MusicPlus* is being led by a visiting teacher from Kent Music or an alternative provider, a class teacher or teaching assistant music be present during the *MusicPlus* lesson. This is to assist out teacher with Health and Safety issues, behaviour management, pupil information and support. The presence of the teacher can also support their upskilling or CPD.
- 10.10. Where a school chooses to hire a private peripatetic instrument teacher to deliver *MusicPlus* funds will be sent to the school in tow payments, one in autumn term and one in spring term. Kent Music will provide these schools with funding for a 20-week *MusicPlus* project, where 1 hour of provision is being provided per week to one year group up to the maximum value of £720 per academic year.
- 10.11. Where schools deliver *MusicPlus* using a classroom teacher, funding should be directed into one of the other offers.
- 10.12. Where needed, instruments for *MusicPlus* are provided at a subsidised charge of £36 per project (class) for the year. Where schools require instrument hire they must contact the Music Resources team at Kent Music via email.
- 10.13. We ask schools to only make significant changes to their *MusicPlus* provision in the summer term in preparation for the next academic year. However, during an academic year, for a number of reasons it is possible that some *MusicPlus* projects may change providers from a Kent Music teacher to a partner provider, a private non-Kent Music teacher or vice versa. In such circumstances where a mid-year change is necessary require half a terms notice. The following notes outline the ways that the Music Hub will deal with your funding:
- Non-KM to KM teacher/partner provider - your direct-to-bank payments will cease, and funds will be redirected to KM or to the partner provider.
 - KM teacher to non-KM teacher - your school will have been invoiced for your *MusicPlus* project at the start of the year. If a school chooses to change their provision mid-year the payment will not be refunded.
- 10.14. We ask that schools who have their *MusicPlus* provision provided by Kent Music to discuss *MusicPlus* teaching dates with your Kent Music teacher in advance of the project commencing to prevent a shortfall of delivery, including future sessions that will require rearranging, e.g., INSET days or school trips. Refunds will not be given for undelivered sessions of *MusicPlus* except for extraneous reasons such as prolonged Kent Music teacher illness (of at least 5 consecutive sessions) where this will be refunded at the end of the academic year upon application to customerservices@kent-music.com. In the event of sessions cancelled by a Kent Music teacher, these will be sought to be made up by the end of the academic year where possible.



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