

Essex Music Service Schools 2025–26

Making Music Together



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Serving our schools

Essex Music Service is a key partner in the Greater Essex Music Hub. The Greater Essex Music Hub works with partners and stakeholders to deliver the National Plan for Music Education and ensure that the young people of Essex, Southend and Thurrock 'have access and opportunity to develop and flourish as musicians.'

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 2025-26 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 offer a highly subsidised tuition discount of up to 50% for new applicants, and The Essex 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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To book any of the provision in this booklet, or if you have any questions, please let us know at musichub@essex.gov.uk or by phone **0333 013 8953**.

Visit our website: www.essexmusicservice.org.uk



Supporting Instrumental Learning – funded opportunities for KS2 and KS3



We have funding to support schools to boost their musical curriculum at KS2 and drive the musical ethos of the school at KS3 through investing in instrumental learning. We want to support you to build up music provision in your school that enables young people to be part of a vibrant musical culture.

KS2 – We have a limited number of spaces for schools to have a free term of instrumental learning in KS2 through our Play-It! scheme (page 5)

KS3 – We can support a limited number of schools through investing in our Endangered Orchestral Instruments programme, delivering sessions through the Learn-It! Together scheme (page 6)

We can also work with you in other ways to develop instrumental learning, join our networks for support or contact us to book a conversation to discuss this with us.



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Play-It!

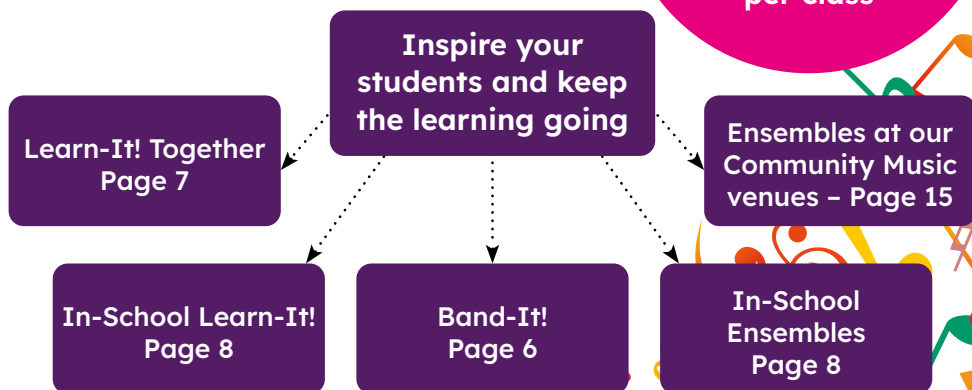
Develop musicianship by learning to play an instrument as a whole class.

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.

Integrated into Play-It! is 'Head Start': where our tutors will work with you to understand the needs of the pupils in your school. They can then work with a small group of pupils to prepare them for the lessons and to reach their maximum potential within the whole class.

**£365
per term**

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



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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

£52.50
per student
per term with free
instrument hire for
the first term only

£26.25 per term for
tuition discount and
free for LAC/PLAC

Only available to
direct parent billing
schools

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Learn-It!

Individual musical learning in 1-to-1, or groups of two or three

Continuing to learn music through their instrument, voice, or music technology (including DJing), 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 £39 per hour.

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

£65
for two-pupil lessons of 20 minutes, or three-pupil lessons of 30 minutes

Individual lessons start at **£97.50** per term for 15 minutes a week



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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.

£67.50
per student
per term and £37.75
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.

£195
for 10 x 30 minute
sessions with funding
support available
for schools with
vulnerable
students

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Workshops

Enhancing your existing music curriculum, workshops 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:

Drum-It!

A day's workshop with a specialist drum tutor exploring drumming. Available options include; West African Djembe, Indian Dhol and Dholak, Samba, or Aboriginal Didgeridoo, suitable for EFYS-KS4 & SEND.

Conductive Music

Get creative with technology with a two-day STEAM session exploring digital music-making and coding, suitable for EFYS-KS3 & SEND.

DJ Workshops

Give your students an introduction to being a DJ with hands-on experience on the decks in small groups, suitable for EFYS-KS3 & SEND.

Bespoke workshops

Looking for something unique not listed above? Get in touch and we will work with you to understand the needs of your students and your school setting. Suitable for EFYS-KS4 & SEND.

£250
per day

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.



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.

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.

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.

Special events

We run special events for schools such as our special workshops with vocal leads such as Randolph Matthews, Gabrieli ROAR, 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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Play-it! Vocal

Want to bring a specialist in to develop your singers over a term or more? We offer Vocal Play-it!, with all the great benefits of a whole class programme focused on singing.

See page 4 for details of the model.

Sing Up

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

Schools who subscribe to access Charanga or Focus on Sound receive a 50% discount on Sing Up. All other schools receive a 25% discount. This does not apply to the Small Secondary Package.

Sparkyard

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

SPARKYARD 

£365
for 45
minutes
x10 weeks

sing up
Help kids find their voice

Curriculum
package schools
receive a 50%
discount on Sing Up.
All other schools
receive a 25%
discount

All Essex schools
can receive
30% discount
to Sparkyard
membership



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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 and School Music Development Plans

Our expert music educators are here to work with you and your school to identify where you are on your musical journey, where you want to go and how we can work in partnership to get there. Our 'Music Improvement, Development and Support' meetings and School Music Development Plan CPD are available to support and inspire you.

New to music leadership? Book a 30 minute conversation with our Music Curriculum experts to explore and discuss the development of music in your school.

Networks

We run a range of free EYFS , primary, secondary, SEND, and A level 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.



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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.





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: Primary – Charanga Musical School, including YuStudio; Secondary – Charanga Secondary with YuStudio and Focus on Sound. We can work with each SEND setting to find the best fit using these resources.

Join our newsletter and networks to find further information about teaching resources and offers available.

Our curriculum resource package is £125* per academic year
*£75 for schools with less than 100 pupils on roll.



Charanga

is an online music platform that contains resources for all areas of curriculum and extra-curricular musical activities in primary, secondary and SEND settings.

Please see page 11 for details of vocal resources to support your curriculum

YuStudio

is an cloud based digital audio workstation (DAW) with all the features you would expect from a professional DAW but with no seat limits. Being cloud based students can work from home so it is ideal for homework and learning beyond the classroom.



Focus On Sound

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

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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 in our centres across the county, this is the perfect follow-on from 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

We offer ensemble activities from starters in music venues to intermediate ensembles including our Young People's Orchestra through to our flagship ensembles such as Essex Youth Orchestra. All of these celebrate bringing young people together through making music with each other.



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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