

Pilot Schools Legacy Offer

Sept 2025 – July 2026

Summary

As a Mini Musicians Pilot School, you are invited to share the cost of a full time 'Lead Practitioner' to work alongside class teachers across all 10 settings to embed school-led delivery of the Scheme of Learning through a professional development model.

Merton Council will subsidise the cost of delivery, with each participating school asked to contribute **£3,250 - £3,325** (dependent on size) for the 2025/26 academic year.

Context

Following the successful completion of the Mini Musicians Pilot Programme, we hope to enable access to specialist provision for more Merton schools whilst also ensuring pupils at existing Pilot Schools continue to benefit from regular high-quality music lessons through a sustainable funding model.

Legacy Proposal

The Lead Practitioner will be engaged to support generalist EYFS & KS1 teachers in the Pilot Schools to deliver the Mini Musicians scheme through a programme of staff support, training and development.

The Lead Practitioner will support staff through fortnightly team-teaching sessions at each school (minimum 1 full day per fortnight in each school), with class teachers delivering the alternate fortnightly lessons independently. The Lead Practitioner will model strategies and approaches, equipping class teachers with planning adapted to enable repetition of modelled activities during their independently led sessions.

This team-teaching approach will be accompanied by a tailored programme of in-school CPD training and start/end of term joint planning and preparation

time. The Lead Practitioner will make school-specific adaptations to planning and content as required.

Schools will be asked to contribute £3,000 towards the cost of the Lead Practitioner salary and will need to purchase a Sing Up licence, to be used in delivery of the scheme (license costs: up to 250 pupils = £250 pa, 250-480 pupils = £315 pa, 480+ pupils = £325 pa. All prices exc. VAT). NB: Sing Up can also be used throughout the whole school.

Expected Outcomes

School staff confidence in delivering high quality music lessons via the Mini Musicians scheme will be significantly improved. All participating schools will retain access to the Mini Musicians Scheme of Learning and instruments / resources, enabling ongoing school-led delivery of the programme.

Continuing Specialist Delivery for Pilot Schools

If your school would prefer to continue with specialist delivery of the full Mini Musicians programme (1 day per week, half-class groups). The cost for this will be: £8,190 for 30 weeks of delivery plus the cost of a Sing Up licence (£250 - £325 pa ex VAT, dependent on school size).

It is also possible for Pilot Schools to request specialist provision via MMF's In2Music programme on an hourly basis.

NB: Merton schools which have not benefitted from participating in the Mini Musicians programme will be offered a subsidised model of specialist delivery, based on the approaches developed during the Pilot Programme.

Please Contact Us to Discuss

Merton Music Foundation will deliver the programme and employ the Lead Practitioner. Please contact David Rees (Chief Executive) to discuss.

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