

Mini Musicians 2025/26

Subsidised Offer

Summary

Following the successful pilot programme, we are seeking to expand Mini Musicians to more Merton schools next year via a sustainable funding model. Merton Council is offering to subsidise 60% of the cost of a full day per week of intensive weekly specialist tuition for up to 10 new schools that engage with the programme.

Mini Musicians is delivered in EYFS / KS1 across a full day, with timetabling priority given to enabling half-class teaching and targeted intervention time for individual pupils / small groups.



The unsubsidised cost of 30 weeks delivery is £8,190. Schools will also be required to purchase a Sing Up license.

Merton Council Subsidy Offer

Merton Council is offering to subsidise 60% of the total cost of participation for new schools to the programme.

School Size	Up to 250 pupils	250-480 pupils	480+ pupils
Delivery Staff Cost (1 day x 30 weeks, paid to MMF)	£8,190	£8,190	£8,190
Sing Up Licence (paid to Sing Up, ex. VAT)	£250	£315	£325
LBM Subsidy (60%)	-£5,064	-£5,103	-£5,109
School Pays (Total)	£3,376	£3,402	£3,406

Oracy Informed Approach

Mini Musicians recognises that musical awareness precedes speech and language in a child’s developing mind, starting in utero with the sound of our mother’s heartbeat.

The Scheme of Learning draws on practical approaches from LBM’s Oracy programme, supporting pupils to develop their communication and improving wider academic attainment.

University of Roehampton Study

Early data from the Mini Musicians research study shows a statistically significant 10% improvement in pupils’ musicianship in just the first term of delivery of the Pilot Programme, with half of pupils sampled showing a developing sense of Absolute Pitch (compared to just 1 in 10,000 adults with AP). The Mini Musicians approach works!

Indicative Timetable

Mini Musicians timetabling principles prioritise small teaching groups and space for individual children’s needs. The LBM subsidy will enable schools to access this child-centred approach to musical learning.

Timetabling will be adapted bespoke to the needs of your school. Half-class teaching will be utilised in your priority year group(s). In one-form entry schools, EYFS teaching can also be incorporated.

Every Mini Musicians Day includes a whole key-stage ‘Big Sing’ assembly.

Example Two-Form Entry Timetable

8:45am	Y2 - Class A Group 1 (15 pupils)
9:30am	Y2 – Class A Group 2 (15 pupils)
10:10am	Break
10:50am	Y2 – Class B Group 1 (15 pupils)
11:35am	Small Group Intervention
12pm	Lunch
12:45pm	Y2 - Class B Group 2 (15 pupils)
1:30pm	Year 1 Class A
2pm	Year 1 Class B
2:30pm	Year 1 + Year 2 + Reception: Big Sing (whole year groups)
3pm	Finish

Example One-Form Entry Timetable

9am	Year 1 Group 1 (15 pupils)
9:30am	Reception Group 1 (15 pupils)
10am	Year 1 Group 2 (15 pupils)
10:30am	Break / Small Group Intervention
11am	Year 2 Group 1 (Group of 15 pupils)
11:45am	Small Group Intervention
12:30pm	Lunch
1:15pm	Reception Group 2
1:45pm	Year 2 Group 2 (Group of 15 pupils)
2:30pm	Break
2:45pm	Year 1 + Year 2 + Reception: Big Sing (whole year groups)
3:15pm	Finish

Contact Us to Discuss

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Every child a Merton Mini Musician!