

APPLICATION FOR INSTRUMENTAL/SINGING  
LESSONS AT MUSIC CENTRE

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Solihull Music Service: Instrumental/Singing Lessons at Music Centres**

Instrumental and vocal tuition is available at Music Centres in the Borough. Tuition is given in either 20 or 30-minute individual lessons, for which charges are made. Lessons take place in out-of-school hours.

Lessons are delivered at the following music centres -

Arden School, Station Road, Knowle, Solihull B93 0PT  
Lyndon School, Daylesford Road, Solihull B92 8EJ

A small amount of teaching for college students only takes place at -

Sixth Form College, Widney Manor Road, Solihull B91 3JG

In addition, **most secondary schools now offer lessons during the school day**, and application should be made direct to your child's school if you wish to follow this route. It is generally recommended that these **in school lessons are likely to be of greater value to your child than those given at music centres.**

## Conditions for Music Lessons

- a) Instrumental/vocal lessons will be given by the staff of the Solihull Music Service, under the direction of the Inspector of Schools (Music) and organised by the Head of Service. **The provision of tuition is subject to availability of staff and demand from pupils.**
- b) Lessons will be held in term time: specific teaching dates will be issued. There will be **33 lessons** offered across the academic year of 39 weeks.
- c) Charges at Music Centres from January 2011 will be (per lesson) -

Individual 30 minute lesson	£16.44
Individual 20 minute lesson	£11.69

This works out at a charge per *average* term of 11 lessons of –

Individual 30 minute lesson	£180.81
Individual 20 minute lesson	£128.62

**N.B. Charges for music lessons are reviewed annually.**

**Please note** that the cost of daytime lessons within each school may be obtained by application directly to the school. This cost is however likely to be lower than those quoted above.

- d) **Please do not send money with the application form.** An invoice will be sent to you each term, at the end of the term in which lessons have been delivered. Bills will therefore vary according to the number of lessons offered which will be determined by the number of weeks in any particular term.
- e) Credits are not normally given for lessons missed by pupils. However, in the case of long-term illness, or prior notice of **unavoidable or compulsory** school events, consideration **may be** given to credits.
- f) **It is a requirement of the Education Committee that half a term's notice of withdrawal from lessons must be given to the Lyndon Music Centre, in writing. If such notice is not given, half a term's fee (5.5 lessons) will be charged in lieu.**

**Please note that verbal notice of withdrawal to the teacher is not sufficient. It is not the teacher's responsibility to inform the Lyndon Music Centre, but that of the parent/guardian.**

- g) Families receiving **Income Support** or **Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)** qualify for **free lessons** and should contact the Lyndon Music Centre for an additional form, which should be completed and returned with this form. Families not in receipt of benefit, but who would have difficulty in paying for lessons, may apply to the Head of Solihull Music Service for help with the cost of lessons.

Free lessons or any other concessions are only available to pupils who are resident within Solihull and who attend a Solihull LEA school, and to pupils who live outside Solihull but who attend a Solihull LEA school.

- h) Parents/guardians are responsible for the transport of pupils to and from music centres.
- i) All music must be paid for by the pupil.

Please complete the attached form and return it to the Office Manager at the Lyndon Music Centre, Daylesford Road, Solihull B92 8EJ.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Low  
**Head of Solihull Music Service**