

Any school can be a musical school

A message to primary school teachers and heads from the team at Wiltshire Music Connect

Read inside about subsidies for your pupils and your school.

What if...



... a large number of scientific studies had found that there was one activity that could improve our cognitive function, help our memory systems to work, help us to learn language, help us to moderate our emotional states, help us to solve complex problems and help our brains to be healthier into later life?

... that activity, while beneficial if undertaken at any time during our lives, was actually found by scientists to be most beneficial if it was undertaken before the age of seven?

What if that activity is music?

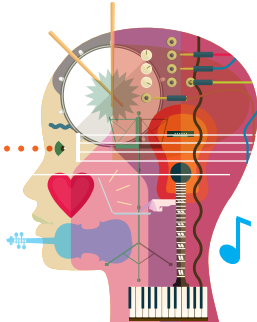
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We all know that music can have a transformative effect on pupils and on school life. That's why we've put together a range of support to help any school be a musical school.



here to support your child, you, and your child's school
www.wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/schools
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Three ways to improve music in your school



1 Take a look at our subsidised First Access schemes – engaging whole classes of pupils:

EITHER:

Delivered by Associate providers

including:

- traditional instrument programmes such as recorder, ukulele or clarinet
- **Hit It!** African drumming by Skype
- music on iPads using GarageBand

Programmes that your staff can deliver without being music specialists

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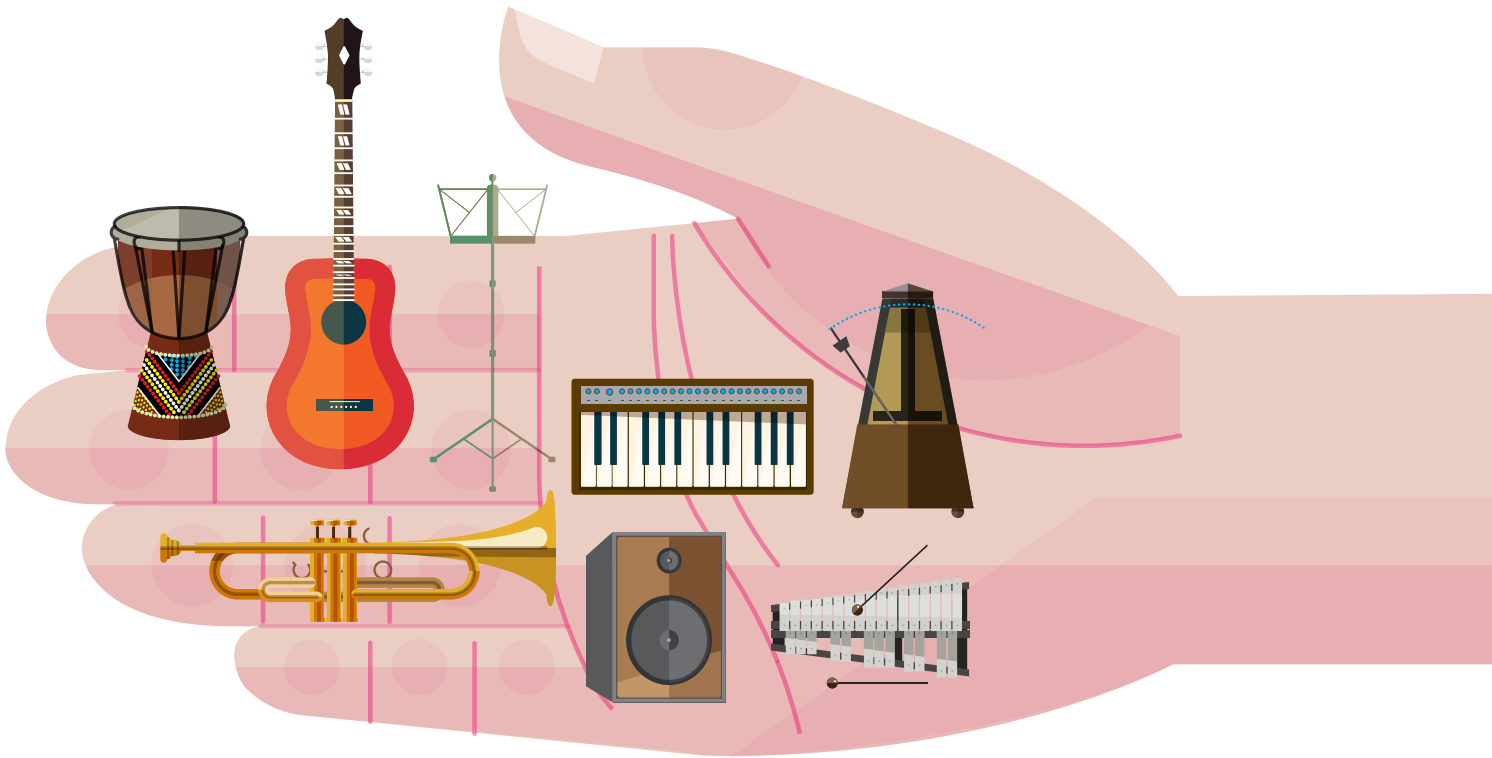
- **First Access in a box (Ocarinas)** – everything you need for a ‘non-musical’ teacher to give First Access lessons including instruments, materials and CPD
- **First Access iPads** includes iPad CPD surgery and hire
- e-learning programmes **Charanga** and **SoundTrap** – modern music resources and week-by-week schemes of work

Subsidy (Yes – we pay YOU!)

and instrument hire for your teachers or specialist music staff to teach whole class music themselves

For example, for up to 30 pupils, we will pay you £5.10 towards costs of a 30-minute session. Over a school year that could amount to £150 subsidy!

Visit the [schools/First Access/support](#) section of the website for more information



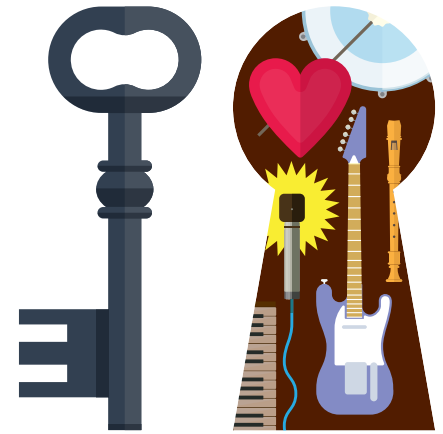
2 Use our directory to find instrumental or vocal tutors for small group or one-to-one tuition that parents or carers pay for:

- our Associate providers teach a wide range of instruments and genres including singing!
- we provide 40-100% subsidy for lessons and instrument hire for pupils at primary and secondary age who:
 - are looked-after in care
 - are entitled to free school meals or eligible for pupil premium
 - have special educational needs and disabilities
 - can't afford tuition for other economic/social reasons

3 Get connected, to keep informed about teacher CPD, free support visits, subsidised programmes and other opportunities:

- sign up to our schools enews
- follow us on social networks
- read, respond, share and comment – be part of the music education community in Wiltshire

Unlocking your pupils' potential through music



Most people know that music is a 'good thing'. Research proves again and again that it is so important to children and young people's lives and futures.

Why?

Because music education ...

increases confidence and self-esteem
which has a knock-on effect in all areas of their life and learning

improves health and wellbeing
reducing stress, increasing a sense of wellbeing and happiness

provides important life and social skills
such as listening, concentration, working as a team

develops creativity and self-expression
helping young people to think differently and develop their power of imagination

improves cognition, literacy and numeracy

recent neuroscience research has shown that children who learn an instrument have higher levels of cognitive capacity, specifically in their language acquisition and numerical problem solving skills

can be the key to unlocking potential
particularly for young people who are strongly creative, or who struggle to engage with other areas of learning

Find out more about the benefits of music to your child:
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