

Information for Special Schools

Music opportunities and support available for schools in Wiltshire

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We are working to support musical opportunities at special schools in Wiltshire including whole class music making and supporting projects using inclusive and accessible music making, eg Makaton signing and singing, Skoogs and iPads. You can find out more on the SEND pages of our website or contact

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<https://wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/send/>

CPD

Safeguarding for Music Leaders	Tuesday 17 September 2019, 4-6.30pm, Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon	FREE
Dyslexia and Music Teaching	Wednesday 23 October 2019, 9.30am-4pm, Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon	FREE
Primary Music Conference	Tuesday 31 March 2019, times tbc, Devizes	FREE

Places at all of our CPD courses can be booked here: bit.ly/musicCPDWiltshire

Funding

Development Fund - open to Associates, schools, and organisations in Wiltshire for participatory activity or projects for children / young people and / or professional development / training (CPD) for music leaders / teachers. Schools can apply for up to £1,000 next deadline Monday 14th October

wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/funding/development-fund/

Other sources of funding - a list of other sources of funding can be found on our website here

<https://wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/funding/other-sources-of-support/>

Instrumental and Vocal Tuition Subsidy

We want to make sure that learners facing more challenging circumstances also have sustained opportunities to learn about and experience music. We offer the following support for school-based tuition:

- 100% for Looked after by Wiltshire Council children – 1 instrument initially
- 70% reduction for SEN/disabilities

Where it simply isn't possible for a pupil to get the tuition they need in school, we can support eligible pupils' tuition outside of school.

Find out more and apply here: wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/schools/inst-vocal/subsidies

Associate Music Tutors

Find a music tutor suitable for your pupils' needs by searching our database of quality-assured Associates. An increasing number have experience in working with a variety of special educational needs and we are developing an Inclusive Music Aware 'badge' for Associates.

wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/directory

Singing / Music Leader visit

If you'd like a specially skilled singing or music leader to visit to lead a workshop for pupils and/or to provide teacher CPD contact ruth.jones@wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk

First Access

First Access is about providing whole classes or class groups with a formative opportunity to experience and enjoy music making. This should generally be offered by the end of Key Stage 2 – it's also referred to as Wider Opportunities or Whole Class Ensemble Teaching (WCET). First Access can be delivered by non-specialist classroom teachers or by a specialist music tutor (see details of our Directory below).

Wiltshire Music Connect offers the following support for schools that want to deliver First Access:

- **iPads for First Access** – support in using iPads effectively + access to sets of iPads all set up for music making, FREE LOAN
- **Set of five “Skoogs”** (accessible accessory for iPads with adjustable sensitivity – squeeze, tap, press to make music) FREE LOAN
- **First Access in a Box** – a scheme that supports members of school staff to deliver First Access using Ocarinas, subsidised price of £100
- **e-Learning Subsidy** – we can cover 40% of the cost of purchasing e-learning platforms such as Charanga or Sound Trap that can be used to deliver First Access
- **Subsidy for First Access Tuition** – We can subsidise the cost of First Access tuition where it is delivered by one of our Associate tutors and/or a designated member of school staff
- **Access to First Access Instrument Sets** – subsidised instrument hire for your school

Visit our website for further information:

wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/schools/first-access/support-available-for-first-access-in-your-school

Singing Repertoire Bursary

We can provide a Singing Repertoire Bursary to help schools and teachers access the best resources, songs and singing activities:

wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/funding/singing-repertoire-bursary

Instrument Hire Scheme

We want to make instruments accessible to children and young people in a way that supports their participation and progression and so we offer a subsidised instrument hire scheme that makes it affordable for all. Instruments can be hired to pupils and schools who are receiving tuition from an Associate Provider within a school setting.

wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/instrument-hire-scheme

Music Cluster Meetings and Music Cluster Funding

Music Clusters are mini Hubs that bring together musical communities at a localised level. Music Cluster meetings are attended by a broad range of people including school teachers, tutors, venues, organisations and societies. We encourage all Wiltshire schools to send representatives to Music Cluster meetings so that they can network with colleagues, share good practice, and access our Music Cluster Funding. We also produce an annual report on music in each cluster – the reports are all available to download from our website.

wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/musical-clusters

School Visits

We offer all schools in Wiltshire a FREE OF CHARGE visit from one of our Music Cluster Coordinators. This provides an opportunity to discuss the music provision in your school with a music specialist and identify ways of improving the offer for your pupils and celebrating your musical achievements. After the visit you will receive an individual School Music Report, written by our Cluster Coordinator, that you can present to Governors, use in performance management meetings, and if needed, show to Ofsted.

Contact the Music Cluster Coordinator for your area here: wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/musical-clusters