

## ArtForms charging and remissions policy 2024

*Charging, remissions and subsidy policy information for young people, parents, and schools in Leeds*

### Introduction

A key objective of the Music Education Hub grant provided to ArtForms by the DfE is to help assist in the removal of barriers to learning and making progress for young musicians. As such, this policy has been created to help parents and carers support their children's engagement and progress in music across a range of activities provided by ArtForms.

### FEES AND CHARGING

#### Ensembles, bands, choirs, orchestras

Each ArtForms Music Centre runs at least one ensemble, band, choir and/or orchestra that is currently free of charge to all children and young people that wish to join a music centre group; this is irrespective of who teaches them and which school or academy they attend. In addition, City of Leeds Music Groups for young musicians at a beginner level are also free of charge to all children and young people.

Further information about our free ensembles, bands, choirs and orchestras can be found here [Free-Ensembles-2024-25.pdf](#)

Charges for all other classes and ensembles, bands, choirs and orchestras can be found here

Music Centres [Microsoft Word - Music Centres - What Does It Cost.docx](#)

City of Leeds Youth Music Groups [City of Leeds Youth Music – Artforms Leeds](#)

#### Instrumental and Vocal Lessons

Lessons that take place in the majority of schools are undertaken via a service level agreement and charges are made with each school based upon their requests for tuition and other activities. Parents and Carers of children in receipt of such lessons should contact their school if they feel they are eligible for a remission of fees and the school should apply to ArtForms for support on their behalf.

ArtForms also provides lessons as part of its weekly music centre activities during term time. Information about fees for tuition can be found here [Microsoft Word - Music Centres - What Does It Cost.docx](#)

### REMISSIONS

ArtForms aims to support children and young people to realise their musical potential, and to enable equal access for all. We do this by offering a range of financial support:

- **Bursaries for music tuition for pupils in schools receiving free school meals via pupil premium**  
Subject to funding available, this entitles all children and young people who are eligible for free school meals on grounds of income to have small group instrumental or vocal lessons in school at a heavily subsidised rate.
- **Fees Assistance for City of Leeds Youth Music Groups and ArtForms Music Centres**  
ArtForms can offer fee assistance for eligible pupils attending City of Leeds Youth Music Groups and Music Centres. Families in receipt of the following benefits are entitled to financial support subject to availability of funding:
  - Income Support
  - income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
  - income-related Employment and Support Allowance
  - support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
  - Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £19,995)
  - Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
  - Universal Credit - household income must be less than £10,000 a year (after tax and not including any benefits)
  - Looked-after children- free class for LAC and their families at Music Centres and CLYM groups.
- **Gifted and Talented Scholarships**  
One-off scholarships of up to £500 are available to help Leeds' most talented, advanced, young musicians realise their full potential, for example support for a student going on to study music at University or Conservatoire who needs an upgraded instrument or assistance with fees for students accepted into national youth ensembles.

**Further details about the ArtForms offer, including school discounts can be found here [Subsidies and Support for Schools – Artforms Leeds](#)**

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