Termly charges for lessons from September 2024

Parents/carers will receive an invoice once every term in advance) for the amount below, plus any other activities you choose to take part in
(please see our website or contact us for full terms and conditions)

As of 2024/25	LEVEL 1 SUBSIDY # (free school meals criteria)		LEVEL 2 SUBSIDY # (income less than £25,000)		STANDARD RATE	
	Lesson charge	Instrument hire	Lesson charge	Instrument hire	Lesson charge	Instrument hire
Group Lessons	**£30** per term	**£5** per term	**£60** per term	**£10** per term	**£90** per term	**£30.00** per term
10 lessons per term Individual 20 minute Lessons					**£120** per term	**£30.00** per term
10 lessons per term Individual 30 minute Lessons					**£180.00** per term	**£30.00** per term

If you wish to apply for lessons, please complete the online application form at www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk.

Please be aware, there is support, advice, and financial assistance available for families on lower incomes. Please contact the music service to check your eligibility. Full information about subsidised rates criteria and conditions is also available on our website.

We do not want finance to be a barrier to entry and therefore we aim to support as many young people as possible in Slough to learn music.

Musical Instrument & Vocal Lessons
For Pupils in Schools

www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk

Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road, Slough SL1 2EL

Email: music.service@slough.gov.uk

"Slough Music Service offer excellent value for money"

Why is it good to learn a musical instrument?

Singing, making, listening to music, and learning to play an instrument are proven to be beneficial for a child's overall development - enhancing learning outcomes in school as well as improving teamwork, determination, and confidence. It is also great fun and can lead to a lifetime of enjoyment, and further careers. You never know where embarking on a journey in music can take you – from being a fan, to creating it in your own time, to listening, performing, and more. Learning music is learning a language. It's innately human, connects communities around the world, and is good for the soul! Just ask our young people, parents, and staff…

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"We wanted to say a huge thank you for putting on the SMS 'Music Through the Ages' event, and for making it such an unforgettable experience for the students and the audience. All of the performances were really joyful and impressive to see, and the energy and effort you put in to organise the event and to prepare the students in the choir and orchestra really shone through in their performances. It was great to see Slough represented so well!"

"I know she has enjoyed her lessons this year, and it's great to see her feeling so positive about the progress she's made. Thanks for all you've done to support her learning."

"It's been a great pleasure to have Haru as her piano teacher. She is just remarkable, humble and such a lovely woman."

"You have been the perfect role model for both my boys in the time they have been coming to the music centre, and they are really going to miss you when we move! They have grown so much in confidence and it's great to see."

"We all love going to choir because it's like a little community and family, it's always a great vibe and everyone knows everyone."

How lessons are offered

Lessons are offered in groups of up to 7 pupils in a lesson, or individually (one-to-one). These are lessons with a specialist music teacher who will tailor the lesson specifically to your child's needs and aspirations so they can make the best possible progress. Lessons are offered in school, during the school day, but are subject to the agreement of the headteacher. We do not offer lessons in individuals' homes.

Why should you use Slough Music Service teachers?

Slough Music Service is part of Slough Borough Council's People - Children department and is subsidised by Arts Council England. This means we are subject to rigorous service and safety standards, receive funding to help keep lesson fees as low as possible, and are accountable to government for the quality of our teaching.

All our staff are subject to regular enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and safeguarding training, as well as being monitored under our quality assurance procedures. They also receive regular training to update and enhance their skills.

What else we can offer…after school music clubs and holiday activities

We offer weekly after school music centres for FREE, where pupils who are having lessons can come and play with others in our orchestras, bands and choirs. We also run Music Technology clubs, as well as Early Ears after school clubs.

We run our Holiday and Food programme, during the Summer, Easter, and Christmas holidays as well as other special projects where children can take part in a range of musical activities. Please visit our website or contact us for more information.

Instruments - hire or buy your own.

Your child will need an instrument to learn. We suggest hiring an instrument from us when you first start lessons. Once you know you are really committed to playing the instrument (2 or 3 terms) you might like to buy your own. We can offer instrument hire, subject to availability, for a small charge. Please ask us for advice before buying your own instrument as we can help you to buy an instrument without VAT, meaning you save 20%.