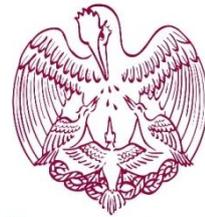


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Pupil Premium Grant: Help for children and young people to access music education



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Introduction

The Education Act requires schools to provide financial support for children who are looked after (LAC) and for those children in receipt of free school meals (FSM). For LAC this can be free access to tuition and instrument resources, and a % reduction on the same basis for FSM children sufficient to enable participation alongside their peers who do not require support. Sawston Village College currently operates a 66% remission rate but with additional flexibility to assist at a higher level if required.

Process

If your child wishes to access tuition and/or instrument resources, please contact the Principal directly by letter or email requesting remission. No proof of entitlement to FSM or LAC status is required as the school already holds any pertinent information. The Principal will then consult the Head of Music and the relevant Head of House to agree the level of remission before informing parents of the outcome. The school will then arrange for costs and fees to be taken from the Pupil Premium Fund.

For those children who are unable to access lessons without support but do not meet the school's criteria, we would encourage parents to apply to the Music Hub Programme: www.mushcambs.org.uk/funding.

For children learning in school, support is usually available where the College provides a matching level of help and the parent also contributes. For activities outside of school, the Hub will normally support families on a matched funding basis. The types of situation where help might be provided include:

- Instrumental and vocal learning for families with limited income but who are not eligible for FSM
- Transport costs for attending activities at a distance, where cost or ability to travel would be an issue
- Instrument borrowing costs for expensive instruments (not purchase schemes)
- Extended lessons for gifted and talented pupils (with school support when in school)
- Membership of bands, ensembles and country academies where financial circumstances would otherwise prevent participation
- Instrument modification to support access for children and young people with SEN or disabilities.

Application is in writing by the family to the music partnership, preferably by email to cm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or c/o The Old School, Ermine Street North, Papworth Everard, CB23 3RH.

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