

Newham Music Remission of Fees Policy 2022 – 2023

Newham Music is committed to children and young people having access to high quality music provision, both in and out of school, and seek to support this through a Remission of Fees policy.

Newham Music seeks to provide additional support for children and young people facing challenging circumstances including with special educational needs. We never want cost to be a barrier to a child who wants to learn music. We can arrange payment plans, and we also provide subsidies for those on income support or job seekers allowance.

Newham Schools:

Newham Schools contract Newham Music to deliver music services and set a locally agreed cost to parents in consultation with their governors. It is the responsibility of individual schools to ensure they have their own remissions policy in place to provide access to instrumental tuition.

Newham Schools will need to consider remission policies in relation to children who are entitled to free school meals, looked after children, and they may also want to consider remission policies in relation to siblings who are receiving tuition.

Newham Music:

Newham Music heavily subsidises the costs of all our activities to offer value for money to families and schools and to enable equal access. Children and young people living or attending school in Newham, may be eligible for financial support in relation to small group and individual lessons, which are delivered by Newham Music teachers.

Who can apply?

50% remission of fees for small group and individual lessons can be applied to applications that meet the following criteria:

Applicants must satisfy both points 1 and 2 of the list below and at least one other:

1. Students must live in Newham or attend a school in Newham
2. Students must be in Reception Year – Year 13 and in full time education
3. Students are in receipt of Pupil Premium
4. Children in Care (Looked After Children)
5. Families are on Income Support
6. Families are in receipt of Job Seeker's Allowance
7. Families are in receipt of State Pension Credit
8. Families are in receipt of Child Tax Credit
9. Families are in receipt of Universal Credit
10. Asylum Seekers with Leave to Remain status in the UK

11. Asylum Seekers with no recourse to public funds

A 100% remission of fees can be applied to applications that meet the following criteria:

- Asylum Seekers with no recourse to public funds
- Children in Care (Looked After Children)

Who cannot apply?

Remission of fees will not be applied:

- If the student has lessons with an independent provider
- If the student attends a school outside of Newham
- If the student is over 18 years of age
- If the student wants a second study instrumental /vocal lesson

How to Apply:

- For small group and individual lessons, parents should notify Newham Music that their child would like to have lessons.
- Newham Music will confirm details of Pupil Premium and activate the remission, based on the evidence provided from the checklist.

Supporting Evidence:

You may be asked to provide evidence to support your application. The following are acceptable sources of evidence:

1. Employment and Support allowance
2. Free School Meals Award
3. HMRC Tax credits*
4. Housing Benefit
5. Income Support
6. Job Seekers Allowance
7. Self-Assessment Tax Calculation*
8. Universal Credit*

* Please provide the most recent evidence. Screen captures are accepted but evidence must be dated and include the name of the parent and guardian. Evidence that is more than 12 months old must be supported by a recent bank statement confirming that you are still in receipt of the benefit.

Period of Support:

The remission of fees is reviewed annually. Parents must inform Newham Music immediately if entitlement to benefit changes.

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Instrument Hire:

For students who take lessons or hire instruments directly from Newham Music there is a 100% remission for those children who are looked after or who are in foster care, on receipt of evidence from Newham Council. 50% remissions for lessons and instrument hire are available to students who meet the criteria listed above.

Ensembles:

All students, regardless of financial status, can access Newham Music Ensembles **free of charge**. Further details of our ensembles can be found on the Newham Music website: – <https://www.newham-music.org.uk/learn-with-us/ensembles-groups-choirs/>

We are unable to fund students who attend fee paying ensembles, run by third party organisations.

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