

Darlington Schools Forum DSG Funded Services

Name of service:	Music Service Remissions
Provided by:	Durham Music Service
Description of service:	
<p>Durham Music Service is the Lead Partner within the Durham and Darlington Music Education Hub. Durham's "outstanding" Music Service (DMS) is highly valued and embedded within the Durham Local Authority (LA) Education Development Service (EDS) which attained School Improvement Beacon Authority status in 2008-2011. It is regularly commissioned to provide expert advice to other partners, LAs and schools throughout the country. Supported by LA colleagues and schools in both Durham and Darlington, DMS as Lead Partner has achieved local, regional and national recognition for delivering positive outcomes for CYP. This solid network of key partners strengthens The Hub and DMS's reputation and relationship with every local school from EYFS to sixth form providers.</p> <p>Numerous developments have taken place in partnership with other organisations within The Hub and regular dialogue with additional Key Partners – The Sage, Charanga, The Forum, FMS and Creative Darlington to ensure that The Hub development is inclusive and pro-active to embed and develop compelling methodology to deliver high quality core and extension roles. The partnership programmes demonstrate the outgoing and collaborative approach of the service in working with and supporting others.</p>	
Criteria for access to the service:	
<p>The funding required in 14/15, will be used to continue to provide music tuition and musical instrument hire to pupils in the Darlington area that are entitled to and qualify for free school meals.</p> <p>Please be aware that we do not get any other funding as a service from Darlington Borough Council.</p>	
Activity during academic year:	
<p>The funding required in 14/15, will be used to continue to provide music tuition and musical instrument hire to pupils in the Darlington area that are entitled to free school meals.</p>	
Relevant indicators/measures of performance, quality and outcomes:	
<p>The pupils receiving subsidised tuition and hire will be assessed and monitored in line with DMS practices and procedures and data relating to participation numbers will be held and monitored by us.</p>	
Feedback from children & young people, practitioners (as relevant to service):	
<p>The ability to play an instrument or to sing will stay with a child for the rest of their lives. Playing and singing will not only increase their understanding and enjoyment of music it can also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help social skills • build teamwork • increase self-confidence • give opportunities to perform • be a fulfilling hobby that can open up new opportunities • give children a head start in music lessons, from Primary school to GCSE, AS and A Level <p>Research has shown that children who play an instrument perform better in their other subjects.</p>	
Any future proposals for change:	

It should be noted that our funding as a Hub has reduced year on year and in addition we have been tasked with becoming self-sufficient as a service by Durham County Council, which means we have to review all of our costs and expenditure to ensure we are operating within our means.

The decrease in funding from Arts Council England since becoming a hub has been and is as follows:

2012-13 £1,031,373

2013-14 £825,100

2014-15 £662,136

As yet there has been no announcement about funding from 01 April 2015 onwards for Music Education Hubs – this is expected at any time.

In the past we have always absorbed the additional costs between the £18,000 we have secured from Darlington Borough Council and what the actual cost is. This is no longer an option to us and we now need to secure additional funding to cover the difference or we will need to look at alternative solutions whereby the £18,000 we have is used to subsidise fees for free school meal pupils rather than them being free of charge.

Breakdown of costs for academic year:

£18,000 was allocated to Durham Music Service for 2013/14 and has been again for 2014/15. As per the last two years submissions this is under the cost to actually deliver the service. We are therefore now requesting the difference between the £18,000 we have already secured and the full amount that it costs to deliver this for 2014/15. Based on pupil numbers the cost of providing this service will be as follows

163 pupils receiving music tuition at £42 per pupil – £20,538

138 pupils receiving music hire at £30 per pupil – £12420

Total - £32,958

Difference being £14,958

Funding request for:

The additional funding required in 14/15 of £14,958 will be used to continue to provide music tuition and musical instrument hire to pupils in the Darlington area that are entitled to free school meals.

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