

**ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION**

<i>Date of Decision:</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026
Title:	Rotherham Music – Fees and Charges 26/7
Decision Maker: (Including Job Title)	Polly Hamilton, Service Director for Culture, Sport & Tourism
Details of Specific Delegation  or  Delegation contained in the relevant Sub-Scheme of Delegation.	<p>Deliver decision-making related to the development and operation of a Music Education Service and the functions of a Music Hub as defined by Arts Council England</p> <p><a href="#">Sub Scheme of Delegation - Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment - April 2026.pdf</a> – page 31</p>
Decision:	<p>As part of the Council's Fees &amp; Charges process the following information was included regarding the Music Services <i>fees</i>:</p> <p><i>"Music Service - The service is seeking an exemption from the annual fees and charges inflation increase, in order to enable it to work towards a self-financing model. Prices will rise but the Council will not increase the income budgets in this area, allowing the service to meet its current income budgets."</i></p> <p>This information contained an error carrying a decision from the previous year's budget setting process forward. The information should have read:</p> <p><i>"Music Service - The service is seeking an exemption from the annual fees and charges inflation increase, in order to enable it</i></p>

*to work towards a self-financing model. Prices will remain the same as 25/6 fees and charges agreed via Officer Decision Report in September 2025. Council will not increase the income budgets in this area, allowing the service to meet its current income budgets."*

The decision is to agree the freezing of prices for that Rotherham Music charge to schools and parents in the year 2026/27. The proposed charges are as below.

Description of Fee or Charge	Basis of Charge	Proposed Fixed Charge 2026/2027
Individual Instrumental Lesson -15 minutes	Per Pupil Per Term	£110.00
Individual Instrumental Lesson - 20 minutes	Per Pupil Per Term	£150.00
Individual Instrumental Lesson - 30 minutes Grade 5+	Per Pupil Per Term	£190.00
Shared lesson (2 pupils in the lesson)	Per Pupil Per Term	£90.00
Group lessons of 3 or more pupils	Per Pupil Per Term	£65.00
Out of School Offer - Individual Instrumental Lesson in Music Centres - 15 minutes	Per Pupil Per Term	£100.00
Out of School Offer - Individual Instrumental Lesson in Music Centres - 20 minutes	Per Pupil Per Term	£135.00
Out of School Offer - Individual Instrumental Lesson in Music Centres - 30 minutes	Per Pupil Per Term	£175.00
Out of School Offer - Ensemble Music Groups in Music Centres (One Group)	Per Pupil Per Term	£25.00
Out of School Offer - Ensemble Music Groups in Music Centres (Two Group)	Per Pupil Per Term	£40.00
Instrument Hire (Internal Students)	Per Pupil Per Term	£50.00
External Instrument Hire	Per Pupil Per Term	£10.00
Classroom Instrumental Lessons KS 1 & KS 2 delivery 60 mins (Whole Class Instrumental)	Per Term	£525.00

	Classroom Instrumental Lessons KS 1 delivery 30 mins (previously Whole Class Instrumental)	Per Term	£270.00
	School Assembly Sessions (previously group of professionals delivering a music performance)	Per Booking	£100.00
	Bespoke Lesson Development (previously called Hourly charge for instrument lessons. Whole class teaching, after school clubs)	Per Booking	£50.00
	Classroom Instrument Loan (Whole Class Instrument Loan)	Per Term	£150.00
	Sibling Discount	N/A	20%
	Mini Melodies Early Years Offer	Per Booking	£4.00
	Remissions: Discounted rates across all music centre services for children and young people from low-income families	N/A	50%
	Bespoke CPD Offer (previously called CPD and other offers to schools)	Per Booking	£150.00
	<p>The charges for the academic year 2025/6 were agreed by ODR in September 2025. It is proposed that these remain the same for the 2026/27 academic year whilst the service goes through price modelling following the delayed restructure of the delivery team.</p>		
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>The service plans to remodel its charges and products before budget setting next year as it begins to work with a new staffing structure that will be in place from 1/9/2026. The new structure will allow for increased business for the service as well as a more affordable offers for parents and schools.</p>		
Details of alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Prices could be increased however the service is undertaking an overall pricing review to ensure that, where possible, a full cost recovery model can be adopted. Rather than make small increases that may be reversed as a result of this work it is more prudent and less confusing for customers for prices to be held whilst this work is completed.</p>		
Conflicts of interest declared by any Cabinet Member consulted by the	<p>None</p>		

decision maker which relates to the decision:	
Dispensations Granted: (If any)	None
Conflicts of interest declared by the Decision Maker if they sit as a Cabinet appointed representative to an outside body which relates to the decision:	None
Dispensations Granted: (If any)	None
Reports or parts of reports relevant to the decision being taken:	Officer Decision Report - Rotherham Music: Fees & Charges for Academic Year 25/26  <a href="#">Decision - Rotherham Music Fees 2025-2026 - Rotherham Council</a>

**I certify that this is a true record of the executive decision to:**

Freeze the prices for the Rotherham Music charge to schools and parents in the year 2026/27.

**I confirm that in making this decision, due regard was given to the seven principles of public life.**

**Signed by the Decision Maker:**



**Dated:** 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

**Name:** Polly Hamilton

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