

Key Information for Families 2025/2026

The key information below has been lifted from our LMS Terms and Conditions (2025/2026) which provides further detail. You can also access the information below via our website:

Cost of Lessons

From September 2025, a 5% inflationary increase has been added to the cost of lessons.

Lesson Type (ISGT)*	Existing 2024/2025 Prices	New 2025/2026 Prices
Individual 15 mins	£9.80	£10.65
Individual 20 mins	£13.00	£14.00
Individual 30 mins	£19.60	£21.10
Shared 20 mins	£6.60	£7.10
Shared 30 mins	£9.80	£10.65
Group 30 mins	£6.30	£6.70

Instrument Hire	Existing 2024/2025 Prices	New 2025/2026 Prices
Instrument Hire	£18.00 per term	£19.00 per term

Group Music Making	Existing 2024/2025 Prices	New 2025/2026 Prices
Music Centre	Donation Recommended	Donation Recommended
County Groups	£299	£299

Financial Support

LMS is keen to ensure all children and young people reach their full potential and we can support those in financial need.

Standard Discount

The following standard discounts are available for music lessons delivered by LMS. Evidence will be provided by the family and verified by Lincolnshire County Council:

- Free School Meals

50% discount (max 20-minute lesson) on one-instrument and 100% discount (Instrument Hire) is available to pupils eligible for free school meals. This does not include the Government funded Universal Infant Free School Meal programme.

- Looked After Children

A minimum of 50% discount on the price of individual 20-minute weekly lesson, on one-instrument, is available for children currently in care. Our team will make contact to confirm eligibility. The designated Teacher/ SENDco should request contact from our team to discuss individual care experienced children, those with special educational needs and appropriate lessons/ level of subsidy.

'Cost of Living' Discount

£135k was disseminated during 2023/2024 to support families, who do not meet the eligibility for our Standard Discounts, who may also be experiencing financial difficulties. Support is available to assist however these are processed on a case-by-case basis for one term only. Families are required to apply online, and proof of evidence is required to verify the application.

Re-application is required for any subsequent terms of learning. Requests for support cannot be administered retrospectively.

- 50% discount (max 20-minute lesson) for children and young people who are experiencing financial barriers.

Teaching Weeks

LMS tutors will teach a maximum of 36 weeks per academic year. Subject to availability, extra music lessons can be delivered and charged accordingly.

TERM	TERM STARTS	TERM ENDS
Summer 5	Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025
Summer 6	Monday 2nd June 2025	Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Autumn 1	Monday 8 th September 2025	Friday 17 th October 2025
Autumn 2	Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Spring 3	Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Friday 13 th February 2026
Spring 4	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
Summer 5	Tuesday 21 st April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Summer 6	Monday 1 st June 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026

Starting and Ceasing Music Lessons

New students, as well as existing students wishing to cease, must give notice. Applications must be received by the following deadlines to take effect at the start of each term.

TERM	Deadline to Request or Cease Lessons	Date from which Lessons Start or Cease
Summer 6	18 th April 2025	3 rd June 2025
Autumn 1	11th July 2025	8th Sept 2025
Autumn 2	10th Sept 2025	3rd Nov 2025
Spring 3	7th Nov 2025	6th Jan 2026
Spring 4	16th Jan 2026	23rd Feb 2026
Summer 5	23rd Feb 2026	21st April 2026
Summer 6	21st April 2026	1st June 2026

Invoices

Music lessons are invoiced ahead of each term and must be either fully paid or an instalment plan in place for lessons to start:

TERM	Invoices Sent to Families	Deadline for Payment
Autumn 2025	21st July 2025	Fri 8th August 2025
Spring 2026	17th Nov 2025	Fri 5th December 2025
Summer 2026	2nd March 2026	23 rd March 2026

Notification of Lesson Cancellations

If our LMS tutor misses a lesson, due to illness or other exceptional circumstance, they will do their best to reschedule the lesson for you. If this is not possible, you will not be charged.

If the learner misses the lesson due to e.g. sickness, school/trip, activities or forgetfulness, then the lesson will be charged as usual.

LMS will consider exceptional circumstances e.g. long-term medical condition as long as we receive the request in writing to musicservice@lincolnshire.gov.uk 4 weeks prior to the lesson.

Credits and Refunds

The reconciliation of the account is carried out at the end of the academic year, or at the end of the contract, to ensure the delivery of 36 lessons. Mid-term credits and refunds are not processed unless the contract has ended.

Thank you for your partnership during 2025/2026

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