

Key Information for Families 2026/2027

The key information below has been lifted from our LMS Terms and Conditions (2026/2027) which provides further detail. You can also access the information below via our website:

Cost of Lessons

From September 2026, a 3% inflationary increase has been added to the cost of lessons.

Lesson Type (ISGT)*	Existing 2025/2026 Prices	New 2026/2027 Prices
Individual 15 mins	£10.65	£11.00
Individual 20 mins	£14.00	£14.50
Individual 30 mins	£21.10	£21.85
Shared 20 mins	£7.10	£7.35
Shared 30 mins	£10.65	£11.00
Group 30 mins	£6.70	£6.95

Instrument Hire	Existing 2025/2026 Prices	New 2026/2027 Prices
Instrument Hire	£19.00 per term	£19.65 per term

Group Music Making	Existing 2025/2026 Prices	New 2026/2027 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. For Children in receipt of Free School Meals, eligibility remains at the existing FSM threshold and will not be expanded to include all households in receipt of Universal Credit. Our team will make contact to confirm eligibility.

- 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 21st April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026
Summer 6	Monday 1st June 2026	Friday 17th July 2026
Autumn 1	Monday 7 th September 2026	Friday 16 th October 2026
Autumn 2	Monday 2nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026

Spring 3	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
Spring 4	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Tuesday 23 rd March 2027
Summer 5	Wednesday 14 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
Summer 6	Monday 7 th June 2027	Friday 16 th July 2027

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	21 st April 2026	1 st June 2026
Autumn 1	10 th July 2026	7 th Sept 2026
Autumn 2	11 th Sept 2026	2 nd Nov 2026
Spring 3	2 nd Nov 2026	5 th Jan 2027
Spring 4	15 th Jan 2027	22 nd Feb 2027
Summer 5	25 th Feb 2027	14 th April 2027
Summer 6	23 rd April 2027	7 th June 2027

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	20 th July 2026	7 th August 2026
Spring 2026	16 th Nov 2026	4 th December 2026
Summer 2026	1 st March 2027	19 th March 2027

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 2026/2027

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