**Essex Music Service LAC/PLAC offer Summer 2023 – Spring 2024**

**What we can offer**

Essex Music Service provide a range of free regular music tuition as well as targeted musical interventions for Looked After Children, selected other groups or vulnerable children and their peers. This work is made possible by funding from the virtual School.

We have a limited number of interventions each term and we need to allocate these fairly. If we are unable to offer you the intervention you would like, we may suggest pre-booking something for a following term or contacting you about alternative options.

**Eligibility**

All Looked After and Previously Looked After children can access free weekly music lessons either in school where there are Essex Music Services Tutors, or via one of our Community Music Centres (see details below).

We are also able to offer additional music interventions to schools that have children in one of the following criteria:

* Looked After Children (Essex)
* Previously Looked After Children
* Children who have, or have ever had, a Social Worker

**How to apply:** [Please complete this short form](https://forms.office.com/e/s5dRS0Sj0S) to apply for funding.

**What could you book?**

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| **Workshops**  A 1-day immersive musical workshop with the LAC’s cohort of children. Workshop options include:   * Drum It! – a day of African or Samba drumming, learning rhythms, playing together as a group and developing cultural awareness * DJ Taster – spend a day on the DJ decks * Music Production (KS3+) - Learn how to create a track, write the lyrics and monetise your creation * Rap It! – a day learning how to write a short rap and developing confidence through performance skills * Sing It! – a day learning to sing as part of choir ending with a teacher performance * Create-it! – write a song as class group specific to your school or topic and leave the day with a mini recording of their creation   We offer one free workshop per school with an eligible student. |
| **Musical Nurture groups**  Student-led groups developing musicianship alongside social, personal and emotional skills. Groups sizes are usually 3-5 students including at least one eligible child.    Depending on instruments available, students can create a mini band, learn an instrument that is new to them or explore music making more broadly. This is done in a nurturing environment where students look to develop resilience and a sense of agency over what they are doing. |
| **Whole Class Instrumental Tuition**  A term of whole class tuition for classes with LAC students. This could be on ukulele, recorder or our new Toots and Doods (beginner flute and clarinets).  10 weeks of 45-minute sessions with an EMS tutor. *Play It!* Is primarily aimed at KS2 students but can be adapted for other age groups. Other instruments are also available. If you have a class set of instruments already in your school, you may be able to use these as well! |
| **Small Group Tuition**  A 10-week programme of a 30 minute group of 4-6 children learning an instrument together. This could be guitar, woodwind, strings or brass. Learning in a group is a great way to start the instrumental learning journey and could lead to more music making in your school. |
| **One-off interventions**  This is a tailor-made option for individual eligible students. A one-off intervention might include attendance at Summer Holiday provision, 1-to-1 music mentoring, rap, songwriting, music tech, etc. |

**Free Music Tuition for Essex LAC, PLAC and Children with a social worker students**

In additional to in school interventions, LAC, PLAC and children with a social worker students can access:

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| **LAC/PLAC/CWSW Tuition Discount**  This gives a young person 15 minutes of free individual music tuition per week for 10 weeks each term. Young people can make use of this discount until they are 18.  There is the option to top up the lesson length, if, for example, your young person would benefit from a 30 minute lesson and can afford to pay for the additional 15 minutes. | **How to apply** This discount can be applied for online here: <https://www.essexmusichub.org.uk/site/parents-carers/tuition-discount/>  If you have any queries about this offer please email musichub@essex.gov.uk .  There is some information about other ways this discount can be used on the application form itself. |