

An Introduction to  
**Music for Schools**



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FOUNDATION



***The Music for Schools Foundation is an independent registered charity organising brass and woodwind tuition in hundreds of primary schools nationwide.***

## Lessons in your own school

Lessons take place at your school in small groups, typically 4 pupils for 30 minutes. Group sizes may be smaller in the case of varying pupil and ability levels. Lesson times reflect the number of pupils in a group. i.e. 3 pupils for 20 minutes, 2 for 15 minutes.

Our tutors are specially selected, fully vetted and receive continual training. In particular, we take great care to make sure our teachers can motivate and interest the children – as the pupils' enjoyment of learning music is one of our key objectives.

## Standard of Excellence

Crucial to the initial development of a child's musical learning is the constructive use of the best tutor book.

Our tutors use the Standard of Excellence system which combines enjoyment and fun with a structured and thorough programme of study which fully integrates into Keystages 1 and 2.

The books follow a structured approach with new elements being brought in at the top of each page.

Lessons feature music from all around the world and incorporate elements of music theory and composition.

## Ensemble Work

Standard of Excellence is designed so that even from the early stages of learning, children playing different instruments can play together in harmony, from duets right up to band arrangements!

## Accompanying CDs

Perhaps the most popular feature of the system, for both children and parents is the accompanying CD, which can be used to make lessons and practice at home more fun.



## Instrument Specific Work

The method also allows for work on the specific disciplines of the individual instruments with exercises for each instrument designed to develop technique.

## The Merit System

Throughout the book, development is monitored and checked by way of assessment of specific exercises.

We reward good work and progress with stickers, certificates and medals.

## A School Band

Organised by our tutors, a school band lets children increase their experience and confidence by playing with others and allows a school to showcase its musical talent!

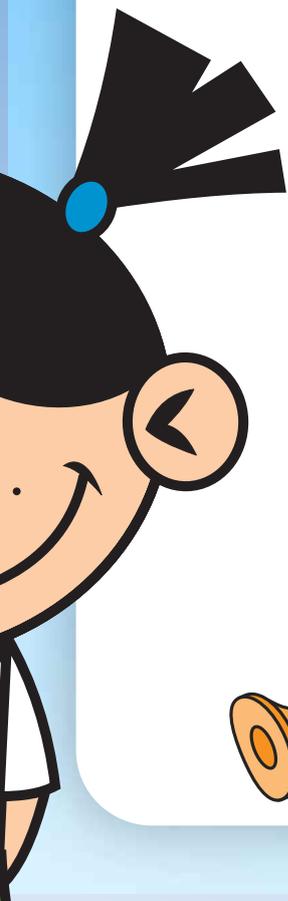
Obviously a band is dependent on the number of pupils at the school. However, even in smaller schools tutors can create opportunities for ensemble performances.

## Exams & Fun Days

Each year we enter many pupils for grade exams through the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. These provide a goal for children who gain great satisfaction from achieving a nationally recognised qualification.

We are very proud of our results, which historically have been exemplary with pass rates in the region of 98%.

We also hold weekend fun days in each area to allow children from local schools to play together in larger bands and perform to parents, family and friends.



## From a School's Perspective

The Music for Schools Foundation aims to give your school all the benefits of an instrumental music programme without any of the drawbacks. The scheme runs without any financial or contractual involvement from the schools. All we need to do is timetable a convenient time with you for our tutor to visit each week.

## From a Parent's Perspective

The scheme offers a number of flexible ways for parents to get their children involved without the need for large upfront payments or commitment.

## Getting Started

When starting the scheme in a school we like to give a musical presentation to the children, to introduce the different instruments, their sounds and history, and bring in various musical elements.

About a week later we host a parents evening when we introduce the scheme to parents and answer any questions. The children are also able to try any of the instruments and will be assessed as to their suitability for each.

Lessons start after parents have enrolled and we have liaised with school to arrange a suitable timetable.

We look forward to welcoming you and your pupils on to our scheme.

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