

SOUTH EASTERN MUSIC CENTRE

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INSTRUMENT HIRE FEES - £30 per annum

This fee is chargeable to all pupils and students who use a Board-owned instrument, but any pupils eligible for free school meals qualify for a 100% remission.

Collection

All schools in which tuition takes place have agreed to collect Instrument Hire fees on behalf of the Music Centre - payment by parents at school level as soon as requested is much appreciated. Accounts for pupils having tuition in District Music Centres or elsewhere are sent to parents at home addresses – prompt settlement appreciated please.

Expenditure

The income from this annual fee has already contributed much to the maintenance, repair and replacement of the current stock of instruments, some of which date back to the establishment of the Music Centre in 1971.

Instrument Use

Music Centre staff currently teach approximately 2,750 pupils/students per week, of whom the vast majority use Board-owned instruments. These instruments are used in the Teaching Services (Instrumental in schools, and Advanced in the District Music Centres), and in the Orchestras and Concert Bands (at Junior, Training, Intermediate and Senior Levels).

Charging Policy

The tuition in the Instrumental Teaching Service (schools and pupils selected by criteria) is heavily subsidised by SEELB. This hire fee is within the Board's existing charging policies since the tuition enhances the curriculum music delivered at classroom level.

Insurance

Private instrumental insurance is highly recommended since the repair or replacement costs of many of the instruments in the event of damage or loss is likely to strain most family budgets. Many companies if requested can accommodate this at no or minimum cost as an extension of existing house contents insurance.