

Re: SFE Music Service Brochure of Support 2019/20

Dear Head Teacher

I am delighted to enclose the 2019/20 Music Service Brochure of Support. In it, you will find everything you need to know about the Music Service and how to access the services it provides. Furthermore, we are endeavouring to support all schools by not increasing our prices for the year ahead.

Please take time to read everything that the Music Service has to offer, including a number of new products and support for schools from September 2019. We have extended our range of services to include our Soundtots EYFS programme, which has had a great impact on early child development and we are just waiting for the evaluation to be published. A new primary electric guitar offer and DJ/urban teaching has developed throughout this year. We continue to provide musical teambuilding workshops for whole school staff, governor reports and a range of workshops. Bespoke services are also available on request. Our inclusion provision continues to grow in special schools and mainstream education and we now have 9 teachers trained in the PGCert Sounds of Intent and hopefully this will grow to 11 next year.

Birmingham is unrivalled in its collegiate, inclusive approach to music education. This has been recognised recently at the Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Awards 2019 with Services For Education winning the Award for Excellence in Training and Education. 92% of schools now provide music education to their children in partnership with us. With your support, over 38,000 children now receive weekly tuition.

This Brochure of Support sets out everything the Music Service can provide in your school but please remember that your pupils will also have access to an enormous range of over 70 orchestras, bands, choirs and groups which take place out of school hours and which we are still able to provide at no cost to parents.

If you are interested in seeing and hearing the work of these ensembles you may request two complimentary tickets to our end of year concerts at Symphony Hall during the week of 14th – 18th July. Please e mail debbie.checkley@servicesforeducation.co.uk

Music continues to play an important part in school life. It remains a core part of the Birmingham curriculum statement and I am grateful for your continued support for the subject in your school.

Yours sincerely



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