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Richmond Music Trust

Organisation details

Description of activity

Richmond Music Trust delivers a range of high quality musical experiences for children and young people aged 5-18 including instrumental tuition in schools and music centres, a wide range of ensembles, and a growing number of holiday courses. We also organise hugely popular large scale events and work closely with schools to deliver the Wider Opportunities programme. Our Music Therapy department offers a range of services both in-house and on an outreach basis in and around the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

Support with Fees

We are keen to help families where financial hardship might prevent a child from learning an instrument.

Families in receipt of any of the following benefits may be entitled to receive up to 70% reduction of fees:

Income Support

Job Seekers Allowance

Housing Benefit

Council Tax Rebate

Free school meals (this criteria only applies to pupils in Y3 upwards)

Please contact us if you feel you may be eligible to receive assistance with fees. We will ask to see written evidence of the benefits you receive. A photocopy is acceptable. In order to confirm eligibility we also reserve the right to consult your child's head teacher regarding any request for assistance with fees.

Please note that we are only able to offer the reduced fee for one instrument per child.

We are very grateful to Barnes Fund, Hampton Fund Richmond Parish Lands Charity and The Arts Society Richmond for their generous support of our remission scheme.

Contact details

Telephone

020 8538 3866

Email address

admin@richmondmusictrust.org.uk

Website

<http://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk>

Social media links

X link

https://twitter.com/RMT_richmond

Facebook link

<https://www.facebook.com/RichmondMusicTrust/>

Address details

Building name

Richmond Music Trust

Address 1

7 Briar Road

Town

Twickenham

County

Middx

Postcode

TW2 6RB

Accessibility

Accessible building

Yes

Accessible toilets

Yes

Parking facilities

Yes

Dietary needs catered for

N/A

Staff have specialist training

Yes

Availability details

Days and times of activity / opening

Monday	from 0900	to 1800
Tuesday	from 0900	to 1800
Wednesday	from 0900	to 1800
Thursday	from 0900	to 1800
Friday	from 0900	to 1800
Saturday	from 0900	to 1600

When is the activity or service available

All Year Round

How to access the service/activity

Pre-book |

Description of eligibility or referral criteria and pathways (if applicable)

See www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk/musictherapy

Does a parent / carer need to stay on premises during activity

Yes

Is there a cost for this service or activity

Yes

Taking part if you are a child or young person with additional needs or a disability.

How can a child or young person with SEND take part in this activity

We welcome and can support children with Special Educational Needs and disability to take part in our activities.

Music therapy

Children with special educational needs

Our therapists work with children and young people with a wide range of needs including Autistic Spectrum Conditions, Learning Disabilities, Developmental / Neurological Conditions, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties, Mental Health Problems, Attachment issues, Sensory Issues, ADHD and Dyspraxia. Music therapy can help children by providing a safe, supportive, playful and creative space, where children can express themselves freely, helping to build their confidence and self-esteem.

"I cannot think of anything else that could have offered him the same brief but vital breathing space each week throughout his

teenage years. I thought of music therapy as his rock to hold onto when school life was disintegrating. I believe he felt the same way.”

“Although her hand function is still poor, her shared attention, her focus, her motivation and her intention to communicate have all improved significantly as a result of the music therapy. Perhaps most importantly, she is very, very happy in the sessions. It is, without doubt, her favourite activity of the week.”

Testimonials

Children with Autistic Spectrum Conditions

Music therapy is widely recognised as an effective form of therapy for children with Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC), where communicating, playing and relating to others may be a challenge.

“Music therapy has been our rock over the last two and a half years. The weekly sessions have been a place of sanctuary for my son when things were very difficult. Over time, he has increased his confidence and ability to work to another’s agenda (in this case the music therapist’s) in a safe, creative setting.”

“He has really made massive strides in speech, signing and seeking one to one interaction and dialogue. It is really amazing but I am sure music therapy has done something to stimulate his ability to take this information on and to verbalise, copy signs.”

“The weekly therapy he has received has been remarkably successful. He is able to express himself more freely and his empathy has developed.”

Testimonials

Children with social, emotional and mental health needs (SEMH)

RMT provides therapeutic support to children attending mainstream schools with SEMH needs. Through music therapy we offer children the opportunity to engage in a therapeutic relationship, enabling them to develop new and positive ways of being with and relating to others. This may also help children develop greater awareness and insight into their own emotions and behaviour. Music therapy provides a stepping stone to re-engaging with classroom learning and encourages constructive engagement in education and society.

“When I was in a very bad place and didn’t see any hope for anything Lucy was there to keep me encouraged and engaged in my love for music and musical theatre! On some days when I didn’t feel like singing or talking Lucy completely understood that and there was always so many more options to choose from!”

“The sessions have helped my daughter strengthen her emotional resilience and given her the confidence to carry on. Without the support and commitment of RMT I believe she would still be struggling; long may this vital service continue.”

Testimonials

We also work with young people in need of support for their mental health needs.

Referrals can be made by parents, carers or any professional working with the child or young person in an educational, health or social care setting. Once we receive your completed form we will contact you to arrange an initial Music Therapy Assessment.

Location Map