

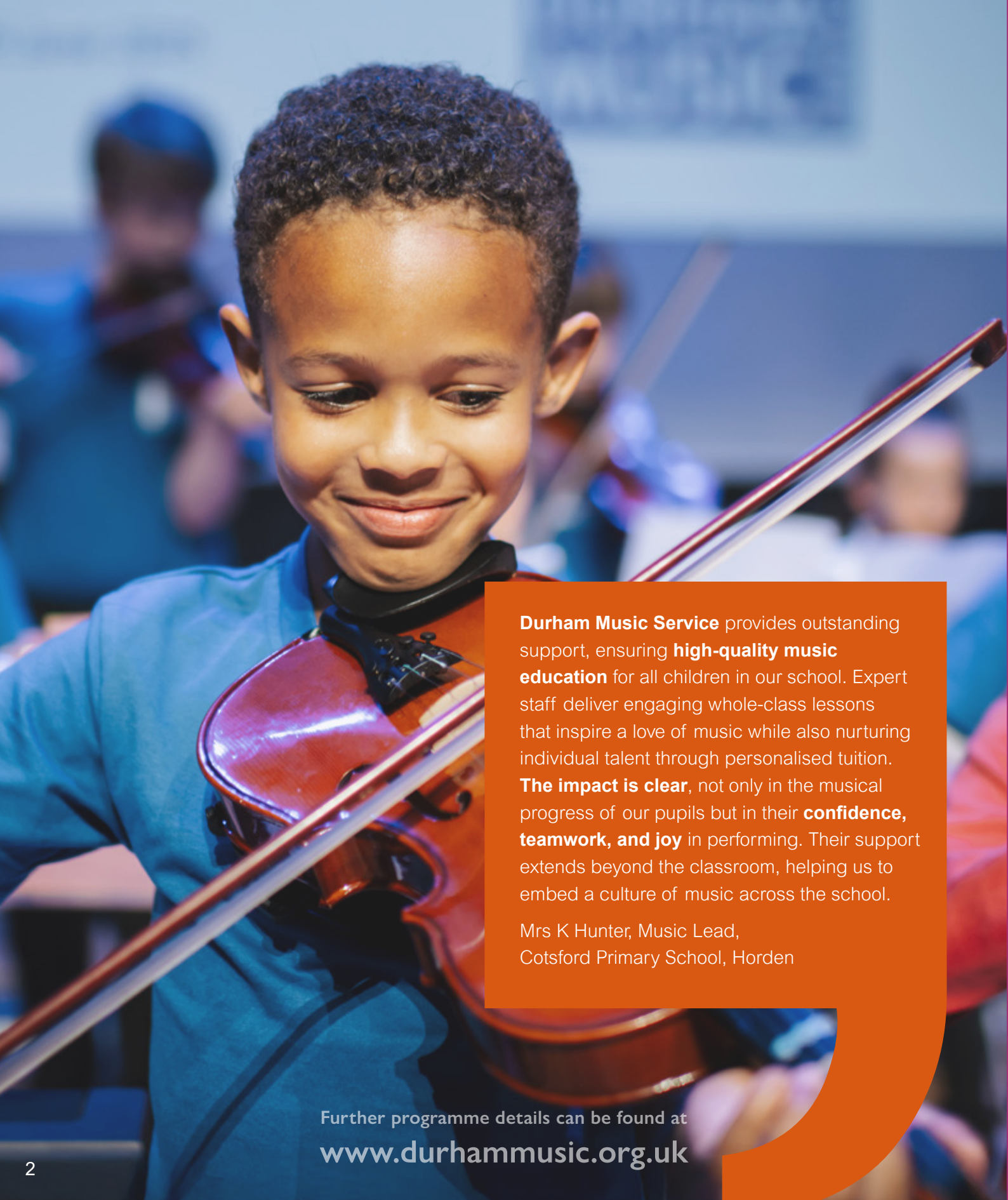


DURHAM MUSIC SERVICE PROVISION 2026-27

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Durham Music Service provides outstanding support, ensuring **high-quality music education** for all children in our school. Expert staff deliver engaging whole-class lessons that inspire a love of music while also nurturing individual talent through personalised tuition. **The impact is clear**, not only in the musical progress of our pupils but in their **confidence, teamwork, and joy** in performing. Their support extends beyond the classroom, helping us to embed a culture of music across the school.

Mrs K Hunter, Music Lead,
Cotsford Primary School, Horden

Further programme details can be found at
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Provision for Schools from Durham Music Service

I'm excited to share our new brochure of services for primary schools for 2026–27.

Durham Music Service, as a proud partner of the North East Music Hub, is committed to giving your school the very best musical opportunities for pupils of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Our inclusive approach places practical music-making and musical progress at the centre of learning. Every lesson is designed to be enjoyable and engaging, while building the key skills outlined in the national curriculum, the Model Music Curriculum, and our highly regarded Durham Music Progress Map.

All schools in Durham and Darlington with KS2 pupils can access a financial subsidy for one of our First Access programmes, and we have a wide range of exciting musical options available. Our team will be in touch throughout Spring Term 2026, and we look forward to working with you to develop both your school's musical provision and your whole-school music development plan.

With Durham Music Service, we believe every child can enjoy a fantastic, inspiring musical journey—and we're here to support you every step of the way.

Michael Summers

Manager of Music Education
Durham Music Service

 **8,500**
musical
instruments
on loan

14,500
pupils
taught
each week 


4132
pupils in
small group
lessons
each week





TINY FINGERS

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For your youngest learners in EYFS, we provide fun and engaging music sessions to develop musical skills and relationships through musical games, songs and rhymes.

The sessions focus on aspects of learning and development as detailed in Musical Development Matters: Hearing and Listening; Vocalising and Singing; Moving and Dancing and Exploring and Playing.

Sessions also include time for the Music Service teacher and EY staff in the setting to reflect on the children's musical development together and work in partnership to achieve the best quality Early Years music provision for the children.

HALF TERM

£670 1 hour

A series of music sessions which can be used as a springboard for musical learning throughout the year and will help to embed music within your setting.

ONE TERM

£1,325 1 hour

More time to develop the fundamentals of pulse, rhythm and pitch, using classroom percussion, singing and movement.

WHOLE YEAR PROGRAMME

£3,498 1 hour

A whole year of provision:

This can be for one class or split between classes across the year.

CURRICULUM & TOPIC WORKSHOPS

£240 per hour

Please contact us for details.

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LITTLE FINGERS

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Little Fingers is a programme designed for your young learners in KS1 and can build on musical learning and development from the Tiny Fingers programme.

Musical skills are learnt through singing games and rhymes and by developing children's confidence in using untuned percussion instruments. Your young learners in KS1 will develop their musical skills through fun and engaging sessions planned with reference to the DMS Primary Curriculum and Progress Map and Model Music Curriculum.

Your staff can also benefit from developing their confidence in music at the same time.

HALF TERM

£670 1 hour

Our introductory package:

A structured series of lessons that can be used as a springboard for music lessons throughout the year.

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FIRST ACCESS

Our brass lessons are excellent and as a result our children are **highly engaged and enjoy music**.

Whole class brass has certainly been a success and I would recommend it to other schools.

Children are now performing in small groups in school and local settings.

Thornhill Primary School,
Shildon

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PRIMARY: FIRST ACCESS

Every child can explore the magic of instrumental learning as part of the First Access scheme.

These programmes introduce pupils to instrumental learning in a fun and inclusive way. They are carefully designed to develop pupils' love of, confidence and progress in music, while also enhancing their personal and educational development as a whole. Options include:

- Recorder • Strings • Ukulele • Guitar • Voice
- Woodwind • Brass • Percussion • Digital, Rock and Pop

Sessions include a wide variety of musical activities and build musical understanding in a progressive and fun way. The use of voice is integral to the sessions and can contribute to overall vocal development within your school.

Each school can access subsidised teaching time to put towards our range of programmes (dependent on school size). Every school will be contacted with details of their subsidy.

PRICING

1 hour per week for the year	£3,498
1.5 hours per week for the year (2x45mins)	£5,200
2 hours per week for the year	£6,730
3 hours per week for the year	£9,910
4 hours per week for the year	£13,250
5 hours per week for the year	£16,135

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PROGRESSION

PRIMARY: PROGRESSION

To make the very best of your First Access programme, Durham Music Service has created several pathways for progression that best suit the needs of your pupils.

WHOLE CLASS INSTRUMENTAL TEACHING

Pupils can continue their instrumental learning as a whole class, similar to First Access. Pricing structure as first access tuition.

LARGE GROUP TUITION

Pupils can learn in larger groups funded by the school.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES

Pupils can continue with other musical activities from our enrichment programme including after school music clubs. Please see page 23 for more details.

DURHAM MUSIC SERVICE GROUPS

Playing and singing together is one of the best things about learning a musical instrument. Durham Music Service offers a wide range of free-to-access groups across Durham and Darlington for pupils in all instruments and standards.

DMS STARS FRAMEWORK

Following First Access, young musicians can embark on the next stage of their musical journey into our DMS Stars Framework. This inclusive pathway lets all young musicians develop at their own pace with fun and performance at the heart of everything they do.

To find out more, check out
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SEND

Musical activity gives powerful, validating and multi-sensory experiences to children with SEND, supporting the development of the whole child.

Durham Music Service has created a range of programmes to help develop and support music in your school. This is enhanced by a range of performance opportunities outside the classroom such as the Big Sign & Sing and SEND Showcase days.

ASC - Developing Communication Skills
KS1/KS2 Music Curriculum
African Drumming - whole class
Ukulele - whole class
Brass - whole class
Rock Band Project
KS3 Music Curriculum
Instrumental Tuition - drum, guitar, brass
Music Technology
CPD

All schools are entitled to subsidised teaching, please contact us for details.



Each school's
delivery is
bespoke to the
needs of your
setting.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

SHOWCASE DAY

Special Schools join together in a day of performance and workshops to share the fun of making music with friends from across the County.

BIG SIGN AND SING

Special and Primary Schools from across the Northeast come together and raise the roof with their singing and signing.

NEW SEND LIVE MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS

Following a very successful Pilot in 2024 we are delighted to be able to offer a flexible Live Music Offer to suit your setting.

A team of musicians will arrive in school and can offer 'micro' live performances in classrooms and settings where children can access it in their own way.

Our DMS teacher is a wonderful, **highly skilled** and adaptable practitioner who **brings so much knowledge and experience.**

It is **wonderful** that we have her in school one day a week and this also helps to keep the profile of music as a focus across school.

Mr A Wilson, Music Lead,
Evergreen Primary School



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SINGING IN SCHOOLS

Singing together is a fantastic way to learn about music, bring your school community together and to support wellbeing for students and staff.

We offer a variety of singing programmes from EYFS through to Secondary.

Use one of our specialist DMS Vocal Leaders to help you support your childrens' singing, or train up one of your own school staff to support school singing.

Music should be embedded in every primary school.

Singing should be the golden thread through these years, with a clear commitment to quality teaching and opportunities for progression for all children from the start of their school education.

National Plan for Music Education (NPME)

SCHOOL CHOIR

£2,650 45 minutes per week. £3,498 1 hour per year

Support setting up your own choir. Start a new legacy of choral singing at your school! Work with a DMS singing specialist and gain experience and confidence to run your own school choir.

MUSICAL PLAYGROUNDS

£1,500 1 term, 1 hour per week

Sing, dance and laugh with our programme of outdoor singing games! As well as learning about music, children will learn together and develop peer learning skills.

KS2 CHOIR OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

£48

BIG SINGS

£255

Christmas Big Sing at Ushaw Historic House

Join us for a festive Christmas celebration with DMS live band. Song resources sent out in advance. Bring a class or your school choir.

Big Sign and Sing at Ushaw Historic House

Join us for a springtime celebration in song. With Al Start and the DMS live band. Learn songs and signing on the day - and for schools that want to there is a chance to perform on stage.

Big Sing Rocks at a venue near you

Join with other schools to Rock the day away in July 2027 with the fabulous DMS Rock Band. Song resources sent out in advance. Bring a class or your school choir.

VARIOUS VOCAL CPD/ TRAINING

Opportunities on our CPD page. This can be bespoke to your school's singing needs.

DMS MUSICAL PRODUCTION SUPPORT KS2 SUMMER SHOW

£2,650 1 term programme, 2 hours per week

The DMS music teacher will act as Musical Director to work with staff and the children, working on many musical skills in the music curriculum along the way! Singing, acting, stage craft and performance skills will culminate in a positive and uplifting music performance!

Please note that all shows need to be supported by the school in casting, preparing costumes and staging if necessary (this can be simple and low cost!). Also, the week of the show will require more rehearsal time to be negotiated with the school and DMS.



Further programme details can be found at
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DIGITAL, ROCK AND POP

Durham Music offers a wide range of modern and digital music making opportunities.

From one off rock band days, to longer digital composition there is something for every child to explore and create.

TECH IN A TERM

£2,650 45 minutes per week

£3,498 1 hour per week

Our Music Technology programmes are designed specifically for primary school children. Using innovative and accessible software we offer young students the opportunity to explore music through composition, beat-making, arranging and other creative classroom projects. It's an extremely effective way to develop their understanding and love of music.

ROCK GIG

£275

Have the DMS Rock Band visit your school to create a Rock gig in your school hall.

SONG WRITING COURSE

POA

We will guide you through the process of composing, performing and recording your own school song.

ROCK CHOIR

£2,650 45 minutes per week

£3,498 1 hour per week

Kick start or re-energise your school choir with Rock & Pop technique and repertoire.

FIRST ACCESS GUITAR/PERCUSSION/VOCALS

£3,498

Whole class instrumental learning a wide variety of musical activities, with a Rock & Pop flavour.



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ENRICHMENT

Musical enrichment opportunities enhance your music provision and form an important part of your Music Development Plan.

At Durham Music Service we offer a wide range of enrichment activity, both in and out of class. Sessions can be regular weekly or 'one off' events such as workshops, concert performances and Arts Week events.

PERCUSSION

£1,325 1 term 1 hour per week (1class). £1650 1 term 1.5 hours per week (2 classes).
African and Samba Beats.

MUSICAL PLAYGROUNDS

£1,500 1 term 1 hour per week
Sing, dance and laugh with our programme of outdoor singing games! A great opportunity for older children to mentor younger pupils

SCHOOL CHOIR

£2,650 1 year 45 minutes per week, £3,498 1 year 1 hour per week

WORKSHOPS

£240 per hour, £400 half day, £685 whole day
A variety of topic and curriculum-based workshops.

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Would you like
some enrichment
activities not listed
here?

Get in touch.
We can help!

LIVE MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS

£275 per concert

Durham Music Service musicians performing live for whole school concerts.

SCHOOL MUSIC GROUP/CLUB

£2,560 45 minutes per week, £3,498 1 hour per week

Create your own school group with help from our experienced teachers.

Music Café Workshop

£240 1 hour tuition

Bring the enjoyment of music to your school community by holding a music café! Durham Music Service will lead your parents through an easy to access range of fun musical activities, alongside your chosen class. Young musicians will love sharing their skills and it's a great way to build a strong musical community in school. All instruments and resources provided this programme is an ideal complement to our range of First Access and Progression programmes.

Class Ceilidh Programme

£1,500 1 hour 1 term. £670 1 hour half term

Get your children both moving and developing their musical skills with our new Class Ceilidh programme. Over half or a whole term, up to 30 children learn traditional dances and songs in a fun and inclusive fresh approach to traditional music. You can also compliment your programme with our Class Ceilidh LIVE (see below) at a discounted rate of £240. Large Space required.

NEW! Class Ceilidh LIVE!

£275

As part of our Live Music for Schools programme, Class Ceilidh LIVE brings live folk musicians to your school to perform a wide variety of traditional tunes as a concert. Schools who subscribe to the Class Ceilidh Programme can also use this opportunity to hold their own ceilidh, putting into practice the dances they have learned with a live band.

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CPD

Durham Music Service offers a wide range of training sessions designed to help you develop an engaging music curriculum.

The school-based sessions can be booked as one-offs or in a series across the school year. Each session is one hour and can take place after school or during the school day for whole staff training or designated teachers. In addition to our listed CPD programmes, we offer fully bespoke sessions. Contact us to find out more.

£240 1 hour

£370 1.5 hours

£480 half day

£730 whole day

CHARANGA

1 hour staff meeting

Our trainers will work with you to develop a session (or series of sessions) that will help you to get the very best out of Charanga resources.

The session(s) will be interactive and will equip you to use charanga effectively to support your children's musical learning.

MUSIC SKILLS FOR STAFF

1 hour staff meeting

Very practical session(s) where you will take part in fun musical activities you can use with your classes straightaway. Learn key musical vocabulary and develop your own musical skills and knowledge.

AN INTRODUCTION TO EARLY YEARS MUSIC

1 hour staff meeting

This session is a fun and interactive introduction to Early Years Music.

You will explore how to choose appropriate repertoire and plan a music lesson.

The training will include lots of practical ideas to use straightaway in your settings.



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MUSIC TECHNOLOGY GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR SCHOOL IPADS AND LAPTOPS

1 hour staff meeting

Learn to use your school laptops and I pads to create music and capture pupils' creativity. This CPD course is designed to help you become more confident and familiar with user friendly music technology software.

DEVELOPING YOUR WHOLE SCHOOL MUSIC PLAN

1 hour staff meeting

The National Plan for Music Education states that all schools should have a Whole School Music Plan. This session will help you create an effective and progression plan for all music activity in your school.

SETTING UP AND RUNNING A MUSIC GROUP IN SCHOOL

1 hour head/music lead

The National Plan for Music Education 2 is clear that every school should be running both a regular school choir and a music group/band. This can be very daunting and this session with your Head and or Music Lead will get you started.

BESPOKE CPD

1 hour, half day, whole day

Please get in touch if you would like some bespoke musical CPD.

It may be that you are happy with most aspects but would like support with composition techniques. Or maybe when you've audited your provision (for your Whole School Music Plan) you would like to know how to set up and run a school music group.

More advanced CPD is available for software such as Logic, Cubase, Cakewalk and Reason.

Contact us to find out more.

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Durham Music Service, part of the North East Music Hub, believes that music makes a difference, that every child deserves the opportunity to make music and we're committed to making music accessible and inclusive. We provide high quality and inclusive musical education for over 13,000 pupils each week and work with over 300 schools across County Durham and Darlington.

We provide a wide range of music groups, including orchestras, choirs, wind and brass bands as well as percussion, strings and special school groups, and also work in partnership with schools to support school musical groups.

Durham Music Trust is the charitable arm of **Durham Music Service** and registered with the Charity Commission. We aim to support the work of Durham Music Service by providing life-changing musical experiences and performance opportunities. To find out more about the work of **Durham Music Trust** please see our website or contact us.

All schools will be contacted by Durham Music Service with full details of programmes and available subsidies.

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