

**School Membership**

School Members recognise the value of music education as part of a broad, balanced and relevant school curriculum and demonstrate a willingness to engage in the development conversations related to improving music provision for all children and young people within their school community. Schools can join through their local Music Service.

**School Membership Benefits**

*Influencing*

Advocacy

* National recognition that music is valued within the school and contributes positively to meeting the OFSTED requirement of a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum
* Exclusive school member's logo to indicate to the wider school community both partnership working with your local Music Service/Music Education Hub alongside membership of a national subject association
* Advocacy with Government and non-Government departments on behalf of music education
* Advocacy across the music education sector and wider education sector on behalf of music education

*Supporting*

Resources and communications

* Nominated Subject Lead for Music and Head Teacher as members A welcome pack including a certificate confirming your status as a Music Mark School
* Monthly membership newsletter highlighting member and sector news
* Monthly *Read This* mail out of useful case studies, resource and ideas, gathered from peer colleagues
* Termly 'Schools Successes' newsletter celebrating achievements within your school
* Access to *Market Place* resources to support both the teaching and leading of music
* Access to termly Music Mark webinars to support developing classroom practice
* Signposting to existing high quality subject specific resources and CPD offers
* Opportunity to share and benefit from new initiatives via Open Space on the website
* Discounts on Music Mark books and publications

Marketing

* FREE event listings on Music Mark website, monthly newsletter and social media
* Discount on job listings featured on the Music Mark website and social media

*Connecting*

* School to school networks to enable the sharing of best practice at both local and national levels
* Early Bird access at a discounted delegate rate to annual Music Mark national conference
* Early Bird access at a discounted delegate rate to annual Music Mark School conference
* Opportunity to contribute expertise to the development of programmes, policies and guidance which will support fellow members and the wider sector
* Additional individual memberships for up to x 3 members of staff
* Opportunity to join Focus Groups around a range of music education specialisms
* Opportunity to join the Peer-to-Peer network of music educators



***Music Mark*** status-recognising a commitment to Music Education

*free accreditation for Walsall primary schools*

Dear Headteacher,

Walsall Music Education Hub in association with ***Music Mark*** (the UK Association for Music Education) would like to offer to all Walsall primary schools the opportunity to obtain Music Mark status for one year.

***Music Mark*** status is a nationally recognised benchmark available to schools which appreciate the value of music education as part of a broad, balanced and relevant school curriculum and demonstrates a willingness to engage in the development conversations related to improving music provision for all children and young people. Music Mark status will be free to Walsall primary schools (with all associated costs borne by the Music Education Hub)and schools can only gain ***Music Mark*** status through the Music Education Hub.

We recognise that schools are at varying stages of development with their music offer to young people, with many schools seeking to commit to improvement of their music provision, while others deserve recognition as schools already providing quality musical opportunities to their children.

It is for this reason that the eligibility criteria for securing Music Mark status has been kept to four simple components. These are that your school:

* completes the current DfE online annual music survey
* participates (or will participate) in Walsall's Network of Music teachers (MusE)
* has in place(or commits to developing) a School Improvement Plan for Music (model music SIPs are available from the Music Education Hub), Scheme of Work (with assessment systems)
* has in place(or commits to developing) a School Singing Strategy (a model Singing Strategy is available from Walsall Music Education Hub)
* Strive for really good music provision.

The wider benefit of ***Music Mark*** status for schools and teachers are described in our website (see below) and if you are interested in seeking ***Music Mark*** status for your school, either use the online form or the included application form, complete and return to [Glen Taylor.](mailto:glen.taylor@walsall.gov.uk) It should take less than 2 minutes to complete and submit.

[Music Mark (walmused.co.uk)](https://www.walmused.co.uk/schools/music-mark-champions/)

Yours sincerely

Glen Taylor