



Registered Charity No. 1068353

Bursary Application Form

Over the years MMC has been in receipt of some financial support from foundations, such as the Marjory Boddy Charitable Trust. This support, together with income from fund-raising activities, is set aside to form the MMC Bursary Fund, which exists to help develop the musical ability of children whose families have difficulty meeting the costs involved. Bursaries are available for children who are enthusiastic, keen to develop their musical ability and whose circumstances would not otherwise allow them to participate in these activities.

A typical bursary may help with the cost of playing in an orchestra or an ensemble, and up to half the cost of private tuition on the child's instrument. Each recipient of a bursary is expected to demonstrate commitment to learning his or her instrument and to make reasonable progress. It is also intended that they will participate in Music Centre activities and concerts.

In order to ensure that an equitable measure is used in the assessment of a bursary, it has been agreed that MMC will follow the regulations set down by Cheshire East in their criteria for offering Free School Meals. The summary of the criteria are set out on the reverse of this form. Alternatively they are set out on the Cheshire East website, which you can access at http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx

Bursaries are reviewed at the end of each term. The child's family are asked to confirm that their financial situation has not changed significantly and then, provided the child continues to demonstrate the required commitment, and bursary funds permit, the bursary could be extended for a further term.

Please complete this Bursary Application Form and, if the child is not already enrolled, an Enrolment Form. Forms should be returned to the MMC Front Desk on a Saturday morning. Potential recipients may be invited to visit the centre for an informal chat, to meet their prospective teacher, and when appropriate, for a short musical assessment.

Name of Child/Children: _____

Instrument(s) played: _____

Please give reasons to support your application for financial assistance: _____

What activity/activities would you like the Bursary to cover? _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

E-Mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Is my child eligible for a Bursary from MMC?

Cheshire East Council will, from time to time, set out criteria relating to the assessment of those eligible for free school meals. It has been agreed that MMC will follow that same criteria in the review of bursary support.

The Current Provision – February 2014

Cheshire East Council has set out the following criteria to help when considering the award of free school meals. MMC have agreed that a bursary may be considered where the same criteria apply and families are in receipt of income from the categories outlined below.

- Income support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR))
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Children who receive Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.
- If you have recently become unemployed or have reduced your working hours and have been granted the four week working tax credits run on, then you may be entitled to free school meals.

Further information is available on the Cheshire East Council website which can be found at http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx