

ROYAL GREENWICH



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Remissions Policy 2023-2024



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Remissions Policy

The RGMS heavily subsidises the costs of all our activities to offer value for money to families and to ensure equitable access. We aim to ensure that cost is not a barrier to a child who wants to learn music.

On top of these subsidised prices, families can access additional remissions (up to 100%) off the cost of RGMS activities if they qualify within any of the following categories:

- *Free School Meals (at a state school in the Greenwich area)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- 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 HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Ever 6 Free School Meals (in receipt of free school meals in the last 6 years)
- Children In Our Care
- Post - Children in Our Care (children who have been adopted from care or left care)
- Service Children (Ever 6 service child FTE or in receipt of pensions under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme [AFCS] or the War Pensions Scheme [WPS])

***You can find out about eligibility and applying for free school meals [here](#).**

Families wishing to apply for remissions are asked to complete our Remissions Application Form by contacting music-service@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

When you have completed and submitted the form, one of our team will be in touch to confirm your submission and request the necessary evidence. **In all cases proof of entitlement will be required before provision starts.**

Please note that all applications for discretionary funding or remission will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Sibling Discounts

We offer a 25% subsidy for the second sibling when attending the same provision.

Multi Program Discounts

We offer 1 week free per term for every additional program attended per child.

Please note multi program discounts cannot be used in conjunction with a sibling discount.

Instrument Loan

All children and young people attending a RGMS out of school activity are entitled to a fully subsidised instrument loan for the duration of their membership.

Whilst the instrument is in your care, parents/carers are fully responsible for loss or unreasonable damage resulting from lack of care (see instrument loan agreement for details)

Additional Remissions

RGMS may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of activities for particular groups of parents/carers, for example, in the case of family hardship.

When applying for a chargeable activity, such parents/carers will be invited in confidence to inquire re the remission of charges in full or in part.

The Royal Greenwich Music Service Manager, in consultation with the management team will assess each individual case on its own merits before approval for all remissions.