

# SWINDON MUSIC SERVICE

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**Supporting musical activity for schools**  
**'Turning challenges into opportunities'**

Welcome to our November eNewsletter - **Swindon Music Service.**

## How we will deliver the Christmas Voice Festival for 2020

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE - and it's FREE to hub member schools!**  
**GIVE THE CHILDREN A CHRISTMAS UPLIFT IN A DIFFERENT WAY DURING THIS CHALLENGING PERIOD - Either sing along or just watch & listen!**

**Swindon Music Service** has developed an alternative approach to the Christmas Voice Festival, given the traditional format usually showcased at the Wyvern theatre is simply not possible at the moment. *(Click the picture to watch the promo).* If you require any further information, contact Lynn hawkins on: [lhawkins@smocio.co.uk](mailto:lhawkins@smocio.co.uk)



### How will this work?

**It's going to be a fun activity to get the children in the festive spirit in these unsettling times.**

- You can either sing along with the video in your classrooms or simply put it on for the children to watch and get in to the Christmas spirit.
- The video will be available for a 2-week period (8th - 18th) December for you to access as many times as you like.
- Once you have signed up, we will send you a link and password to access the video and other festival materials.

### What do you get access to?

**Once you receive the link and password, you will have entry to the following:**

- Be able to listen and rehearse to individual tracks if you wish, available through the SMS website.
- access to all songs that have an accompanying vocal rehearsal score to download as a PDF, which includes lyrics and the melody notation.
- Access to a lyric booklet which you can download as a PDF.

**You can still sign up Free of charge using our 'Buy-As-You-Go' order form**

**[Click here to access the order form](#)**

**We are now offering this online Christmas Festival FREE to all hub member schools as a gesture of support in these difficult times. We hope in making use of these materials you will be encouraged to see how the Spring 2021 online Junior Voice Festival will work. If you haven't already booked the Junior Festival, it is not too late. You can do so by applying via the buy-as-you-go link above**

## Risk Assessments for Music

### Guidance:

**Swindon Music Service** continues to update the supplementary Risk Assessments to work alongside your school Risk Assessments when undertaking musical activities in your school. You can view these Risk Assessments by clicking the picture to the right.



## How we are supporting the Music Hub

### Financial Support:

**Swindon Music Service** has supported local delivery partners in the music hub during the lockdown period to assist them in developing online services and to support children and young people from less well-off families.



Each received £2,000 grant



Each received £500 grant



Charanga received £15,105 for schools to access the learning platform through the hub membership

## Are you looking for peripatetic teachers in your School?

**Swindon Music Service** provides individual and paired tuition to schools, as well as whole class and group tuition to complement our out of school provision. So, if you do not have peripatetic teachers in your school or you are looking to broaden the offer by way of instrument choice, you can view what's on offer to schools [by clicking here](#) look at the dropdown tab: Instrumental Tuition in Schools. There are also useful links to access forms, posters etc.



You can download the tuition brochure by clicking the picture.

**We have simplified the verification of pupil premium (free school meals / looked after children) entitlement on our Parent Pay scheme. Now schools can counter-sign the parent application, removing the need to collect evidence of entitlement from parents**

