



SWINDON MUSIC SERVICE

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Supporting musical activity for schools: turning challenges into opportunities

How will Swindon Music Service continue to support your school during the new lockdown?

We will be providing music hub member schools (KS1&2) with an alternative service in the following form, during term 3 lockdown:

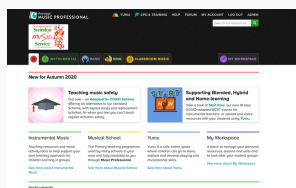
- A **weekly email** from an experienced SMS tutor to your music coordinator.
- This email will **provide advice on a themed selection of Charanga** (online music) resources which can be used by pupils at home.
- Because SMS has provided your school with a Charanga licence (at no cost) each of your pupils can have the **facility to log-in from home** to access these musical resources.
- The tutor liaising with your music coordinator will be there as a **source of musical support** if there are further question and queries.

As a music hub member school there are other music facets that we think you may find useful over the coming weeks:

- Your school will continue to receive **national musical guidance updates from Music Mark** (free membership of Music Mark is provided as a benefit of your local music hub membership).
- Your school will be able to access a range of music resources via the SMS website, including selections from our **song bank** and a **range of music CPD materials for teachers**.



Recent term 3 Charanga usage in Swindon Schools



SMS funded number
of schools with a
licence: **64**



Number of
teachers
using Charanga:
831



Number of pupils
using Charanga
remotely: **4,791**



Supporting your school's Singing Strategy

All KS1 & 2 schools Swindon Schools can access singing strategy support free through a password. Each KS1&2 school will be sent the new password on an annual basis.

You will find information and resources to develop a community singing school.

Songs and resources provided by the Music Service, free to all EYFS settings, KS 1 & 2 schools:

ETFS resources

Useful Links (Other sites that offer free resources):

BBC Bitesize Music at KS1 Music at KS2 Music at KS3 GCSE Music Learning at home

Sing Up! Sing Up at Home

Music Mark: EYFS Primary Secondary

Sing with our Kids.com Songs

Click on the picture to take you to
the website page

Supporting Schools Singing Strategy

We have created an area on our website for your school to access resources that may be useful for your music sessions in school. This area is open to all schools **whether you are a hub member or not**. You may also find this area useful when preparing online materials to assist you facilitating remote lessons during national lockdowns.

Online music tuition - whilst at school or at home

If your parents are interested in 1:1 instrumental music lessons online please direct them to the following location <https://smscio.org/central-music-school/online-tuition/> where they can find our application form. We are able to offer a range of instrument lessons at competitive prices. If an instrument is required this can usually be hired from SMS and we will arrange a safe-handling delivery to the household where required. For more information about online tuition, staff and parents can contact Lynn Hawkins at the following email address: lhawkins@smscio.co.uk



What did schools thought of our Virtual Big Christmas?

"Loved the Christmas singing video, the children loved singing along with it and it struck just the right note before the Christmas break - well done to all the team."

"Well done on the Christmas concert! My whole school took part and loved it! I felt like I was watching top of the pops at times 😊 It really brightened our day!"

"Thank you for all your hard work and for keeping our school in the festive mood. Things will be different for all of us this year, but this be a lovely treat for the children over the next couple of weeks."

How many schools have used online resources since September 2020?



128 views
Virtual Christmas

79 views
Percussion Roadshow

112 views
Rock & Pop Roadshow

275 views
online whole class Instrumental music sessions

It's not too late to get involved with the Virtual Junior Voice Festival

We have already prepared the resources for the **Junior Music Festival** to be delivered in March 2021. The resources are available on our website for those who have already signed up (click the link: [JVF Resources](#)). You have not yet received your log in password, contact Lynn on:

lhawkins@smscio.co.uk

If you would like to sign up you can order on our [Buy-as-you-go](#) form (click the link)

Contact SMS for musical advice and support

If you would like information on any aspects of SMS delivery not covered in this newsletter, please don't hesitate get in touch.

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