

## Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

## NMPAT suggested charges to families - school lessons

NMPAT terms and conditions state that we will teach no more than 6 students per hour, except in specific circumstances\*. This has led to most schools calculating lesson costs based on 6 pupils per hour, and for students to be taught in small groups of 2 or 3 per lesson for 20 or 30 minutes.

This does not have to be the only model. It may be particularly useful to consider alternative options in schools with small numbers of students wishing to take a particular discipline, to ensure that NMPAT are still able to provide specialist tuition to all those who would like it.

Where you have less than 6 students for a particular discipline, please still put that request on your Service Level Agreement. We will then be in touch to work through possible solutions for those students wanting to learn. Our aim continues to be to ensure every child who wants to learn, has that opportunity. We may need to ask for your support in finding a creative solution, and we may ask that you help us communicate with the families of those students.

NMPAT are not able to subsidise visits to schools of less than an hour.

Below is an indicative pricing structure, which can be shared with parents when they apply for lessons in school, to enable them to choose a longer lesson length. This also enables you to make parents aware that, where there is a small take up of a particular discipline, they may be asked if they are prepared to purchase a longer lesson length, to ensure that it is still possible for NMPAT to provide a specialist on their child's chosen instrument.

The cost of small group and individual tuition from NMPAT, to schools, is £52.50 per hour. NMPAT teachers deliver 33 lessons across the year, with each invoice covering an 11-week chargeable period (term).

## £52.50 per hour x 11 weeks = £577.50.

No. pupils	Time allocation per child	Cost per pupil per term	Length of visit
2	30 minutes	£288.75	1 hour
3	20 minutes	£192.50	1 hour
4	15 minutes	£144.34	1 hour
5	12 minutes	£115.50	1 hour
6	10 minutes	£96.25	1 hour
7	10 minutes	£96.25	1 hour 10 minutes

These calculations only cover the charge from NMPAT. You may wish to subsidise this amount, with residual grant money or from your school budget, or add an administration cost. Experience shows that taking payments from families in advance of each term (i.e. before lessons begin) ensures that the school can pay each NMPAT invoice. Please remember that we do have a half term's notice period for any decrease, and increase, of time to a teacher's visit.

For full terms and conditions, please visit our website: www.nmpat.co.uk/terms

\*First Access continuation projects, where students are taught in a large group of 6 students, for 30 minutes.