

Purpose of the Policy

We want your child to play in a band or sing in a choir, as we believe this will have a long-term effect not just on their musical skills but also on their social skills and skills for life.

This policy outlines the criteria and processes for providing remissions to ensure equitable access to music ensembles offered by Resonate Music Studios for all students, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all students and families who attend a school in Liverpool and are accessing ensemble services provided by Resonate Music Studios. It encompasses membership fees to ensembles at RMS.

Resonate is committed to ensuring that opportunities to sing or play in a band are accessible and affordable to all Liverpool's young people, which is why we have placed so much investment in Resonate Music Studios.

To ensure the continuation of ensemble activities for Liverpool's young people, we kindly ask parents to support us by contributing towards the cost of this provision. While we make every effort to keep costs as low as possible, it is important to note that this provision is subsidised. Therefore, parental contributions play a vital role in helping us sustain these activities for the future.

Membership Fees for 2024/2025

- **Level 1 Membership:** Fully subsidised, no cost to pupils. This includes all Superstarters activities, and Let's Play.
- **Level 2 Membership:** £3.50 per week, £94.50 per year – Advancing Ensembles, including Resonate Rock and Pop and Resonate Brass.
- **Level 3 Membership:** £5.50 per week, £148.50 per year – Resonate Youth Philharmonic available at Notre Dame and Bellerive sites.

Terms of Reference

- RMS membership is open to any young person who attends a school in Liverpool up to the age of 18.
- An annual membership charge is made to the parents/carers of children who are members of level 2 and 3 ensembles.
- RMS membership entitles your child to attend as many ensembles as they wish, subject to availability.
- A 'Family Membership' is available for siblings. The youngest family member will receive a 50% reduction on membership fees.

Payment Process

- Payment will be made via the Resonate website by registering an account.
- Membership fees are payable before the start of the first session attended.

- Should you wish to withdraw your child from membership of RMS, please email: resonate@notredame.sjcmat.co.uk
- Unfortunately, we are unable to refund membership fees unless sessions are cancelled by Resonate.

Financial Support

We do our very best to make RMS accessible for any young person who has a passion for music, and we are aware that for some, finding the money to support your child can be difficult.

We offer a limited number of scholarships for cases of financial hardship, ranging from a scholarship that offers full and partial scholarships.

Scholarship Eligibility

The provision of funded scholarships is subject to continued funding from the LCR/Arts Council England. It should also be noted that Resonate reserves the right to limit the availability of scholarships subject to budgetary provision.

Full RMS Scholarship:

Available to young people who attend a Liverpool school and are:

- Looked After Children.
- Currently in receipt of free school meals.

Partial RMS Scholarship:

Available to young people who attend a Liverpool school and are:

- In receipt of Universal Credit or other income-related benefits.
- Other exceptional circumstances as presented in your remissions application. These cases will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Applications Process

- The process for accessing an RMS Scholarship is via a confidential application form.
- Applications for RMS Scholarships can be made at any time throughout the year.
- Application forms for scholarships are available on our website or upon request.
- Applications will be assessed by the Senior Leadership Team, with decisions communicated within 10 working days.

Confidentiality and Data Protection All information provided as part of a remission application will be treated as strictly confidential and processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other relevant legislation.

Monitoring and Review of the Policy This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains effective, fair, and aligned with organisational objectives.

Contact Information For further details, please contact Mr. S Curtis, Assistant Head of Service. Email: resonate@notredame.sjcmat.co.uk