



# Music Centre

## How you can become a member

- As an 'Ensemble Member' you can attend as many of these groups as you wish every week provided that you are of the appropriate standard. Our teachers will advise you on which groups are suitable for you.
- The annual membership fee is £15 per month, over 9 months, payable by Direct Debit. You can, if you wish, pay the full annual membership (£135) at the start of the year.
- For those families with more than 1 child involved we have a sibling discount; brothers and sisters pay only £6 per month.
- If you are already paying Bolton Music Service directly for lessons or musical instrument hire, you can add this membership fee (£15 per month) onto your existing Direct Debit.
- If you only attend the beginner/training ensembles listed in the white boxes there will be no charge. We want as many children as possible to experience the fun of playing in a band, or singing in a choir, at an early age as this encourages them to make good progress.
- Please contact Bolton Music Service on 01204 333533 to become a member.
- We have a number of free places for children on free school meals - please enquire about these bursaries if appropriate.

## When do the sessions start and finish?

- The rehearsal sessions run for 34 weeks in the year, during school term time. Each ensemble will also take part in several concerts each year and you will be given information about concert dates at the start of each term.
- The ensemble leaders/teachers will take a register at the beginning of each session and we will record pupil attendance across the year.
- We take responsibility for your children once they enter the Music Centre and ensure that appropriate safeguarding procedures are in place. We provide a place where parents can wait during the evening but do not allow parents to sit in the rehearsals with their children. All of our ensemble leaders/teachers have been subject to the usual DBS checks.
- We ask that you arrive just before the finish time so that you can collect your child as soon as the session has finished.
- Most of our ensembles have a concert uniform and you will be given information about this well in advance of the first concert.
- We encourage parents and friends to attend our concerts to support their children. For some you will need to purchase a ticket and for others a voluntary donation is requested.