

County Music Service – Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some answers to many of the questions you may have;

Q. How do I obtain Curriculum Support?

A. Contact Simon Grimshaw to arrange a free school visit on 01926 743019.

Q. How can I support non-music specialists in my school?

A. Schools are able to commission CMS to carry out specific curriculum support. This may be in the form of a twilight in-service session, an Inset day for all staff or through team teaching over a number of weeks. Please contact CMS for further information on 01926 742630.

Q. How can I respond to action points raised in an Ofsted inspection or who can I talk to about schemes of work, planning, assessment, music policies and guidelines?

A. The following Associate Teachers are available to answer your questions on the above:

Foundation Stage: Anne Richardson
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Primary: Simon Grimshaw, Kath Hardy
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Tel: 01926 742630

Secondary: Andrew Atkins
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Q. Who can I talk to about vocal work in the curriculum?

A. Contact Sheila Russell on 01926 742630 for all matters concerning vocal and choral matters.

Q. How do I keep in touch with changes in Music Education?

A. Meetings for Music Subject Managers are held twice a year. CMS publish a Primary Music newsletter twice a year. This contains information on local, regional and national issues concerning Music Education. Contact CMS office for more details.

Q. Where do I find out more about In-service and Staff Development Courses?

A. CMS provide a range of In-Service Training Courses each year. Please visit the Continuing Professional Development page which gives details of CMS courses and useful links.

Q. How can I find out about Music therapy and Music for SEN pupils?

A. Please contact Patricia Herdianto who heads the Music Therapy Team at CMS to discuss all matters relating to Music Therapy and SEN music. (Tel: 01926 742630).

Q. Where can I obtain resources to support my teaching in the classroom?

A. CMS publish a resource booklet detailing items available for short-term loan e.g. African, Indian, Latin American instruments, audio CDs of world music, various publications - song books, schemes of work, Music ICT packages and recommended Christmas publications.

Please Contact Simon Grimshaw at cms@warwickshire.gov.uk

Q. How do I obtain Music ICT equipment for use in the classroom?

A. CMS has a range of midi keyboard and music writing packages and four-track recording systems for short-term loan.

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Q. How do I know which music ICT packages are recommended for use with the school's computer?

A. CMS is currently updating the recommendations for music software in Primary and Secondary schools. The new recommendations will offer programs for use in Primary and Secondary schools together with brief comments about using them in the classroom. This will be supplemented by information about how using the programs can also address National Curriculum ICT programmes of study. Contact CMS on 01926 742630

Q. Who do I speak to on matters concerning Curriculum and instrumental music within my school?

A. Contact your Area Manager who will arrange to visit you at your school and then ensure that answers to your questions are found as soon as possible.

Their mobile contact numbers can be found on the CMS year planner in your school.