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Financial Hardship and Discretionary Bursary Policy

Financial Hardship Bursaries

It is Chiltern Music Academy's (CMA's) intention that no child should not be able to participate in regularly termly activities as a result of financial hardship. If new or existing members cannot afford the membership fee then they should approach the Principal or Business Manager, in confidence, to request financial assistance.

A copy of any supporting paperwork should be supplied with the application form.

Financial assistance may deliver a significant reduction in the membership fee and instrument hire where appropriate, at the discretion of the Principal or Business Manager.

Those in receipt of financial assistance are expected to:

- Attend regularly
- Represent CMA in a good manner

Discretionary Bursaries

CMA may, at their discretion, offer bursaries to support members in their musical education. These bursaries will be allocated against the following criteria:

- Demonstration of exceptional musical potential
- The playing of a shortage instrument
- The development of a new ensemble or the support of an existing ensemble

Bursaries will be awarded following an audition procedure. The continuation of the bursary will be subject to annual review. Those in receipt of a discretionary bursary will be expected to:

- Attend regularly
- Represent CMA in a good manner
- Support other activities of CMA so that other members benefit from their talent and time

Discretionary bursaries will usually deliver a reduction in membership fees and instrument hire where appropriate. In certain circumstances this may be varied by the Principal or Business Manager.

All bursaries are reviewed annually. In the case of financial hardship bursaries, member's families are asked to confirm annually that their financial situation has not changed significantly and provided the member continues to demonstrate the required commitment, and bursary funds permit, the bursary could be extended.