The Education Authority Music Service has been running now for over 50 years. Providing music tuition in schools throughout the Southern Region.

Lessons take place in the school once a week and each lesson lasts between 15-20 mins. The Music Service charge the school for 32 lessons in the year but the children usually receive more at no extra charge.

The Music Service also provides other services that can be availed of for free when the child requires them e.g. aural training classes. We also provide a pianist for exam accompainments, who comes out to the school to rehearse with the child before exams.

We have orchestras and groups for your child to join after they have had 1 year of tution. Rehearsals for these take place 1 evening a week in our 3 Music Centres, Portadown, Dungannon and Newry. Main route transport is provided for these rehearsals and after 19 rehearsals the groups put on a concert, providing the children with the opportunity to play infront of hundreds of family and friends.

Tution does not stop after Primary School. We continue to offer tuition to your child after they leave Primary School, with tutors already set up in Secondary Schools. If your child chooses to attend a school where we do not have a tutor in place, then we can offer that child evening tution in one of our 3 centres. All of this can continue right up to the end of their secondary education.

You will be required to pay for lessons as well as a tuition book, and if your child needs to hire an instrument there will be a charge for that also. However families on income support are charged less for the hire of an instrument. These places are limited due to time constraints.

Lessons usually cost approx. £100 per annum depending on numbers of pupils.

Rent of Violins and Violas cost £35 per annum

Rent of Cellos and Double basses cost £50 per annum

Learning a musical instrument benefits a child in many ways;

* Increases the capacity of their memory
* Teaches organisational skills
* Boosts team skills and awareness
* Teaches perseverance
* Enhances co-ordination
* Betters mathmatical ability
* Improves reading and comprehension skills
* Teaches responsiblity
* Sharpens concentration
* Creates a sense of achievement
* Promotes social skills
* Boosts listening skills
* Teaches discipline
* It’s great fun!