



Charity Number 1101723

**Remission of Fees Policy**

As one of the leading music educators in Swindon the JTP Trust welcomes singers of all abilities and backgrounds without audition, giving equal access to opportunities and participation. As a registered charity our funds are limited; however, grant money from Swindon Music Services [www.swindonmusicsservice.org](http://www.swindonmusicsservice.org) has made it possible for the Trust to offer fee remissions to eligible students on a first come, first served basis.

We currently offer a full fee remission scheme and a sibling discount to second and subsequent children of the same family unit. In addition to this, *all new singers receive their first term of singing free of charge, covering a maximum of 5 lessons within the term of joining. Under 4s are also free.*

Although we may not be able to help everybody who applies, we welcome requests from all eligible people in accordance with our policy and will assess applications annually during August.

Who is eligible to apply for full fee remission?

Looked-after children (LAC) \* living within the Swindon Borough.

What does full fee remission cover?

All singing and music tuition fees will be covered within the JTP Trust group lessons. The JTP Trust will also make a contribution towards examination fees to those pupils who choose to take external board singing examinations whilst qualifying for 100% remission of fees and receiving tuition. Applications for fee remissions cannot be backdated.

Sibling discount

A 40% discount is given to siblings (second and subsequent children) attending JTP Trust group lessons. Sibling discount will be given to the lowest value group and excludes individual tuition. Examination fees are not discounted. Applications for sibling discount cannot be backdated.

How to apply

Those eligible to apply for a reduction in fees or full grant towards lessons with JTP Trust should make their request by email to JTP Trust Director, Janice Thompson, using this email address, [jtpacademy@gmail.com](mailto:jtpacademy@gmail.com) . Applications are now open for the 2021/22 academic year.

This JTP Trust Policy came into force on: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and will be reviewed annually.

SIGNED .....*R. J. Mawer*.....Chair JTP Trust

\*LAC is defined in the Children Act 1989 as one who is in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority, or Children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, or child arrangements order. No charge may be made in respect of a pupil who is looked after by a local authority (within the meaning of section 22(l) of the Children Act 1989).

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