



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 Service <https://smscio.org/about-us/> has made it possible for the Trust to offer fee reductions to eligible students on a first come, first served basis.

The current offer in our remission scheme, in line with Swindon Music Services policy is a 60% reduction. A sibling discount is available to second and subsequent children of the same family unit. As an introductory benefit, **all new singers receive their first term of singing free of charge, covering a maximum of 5 lessons within the term of joining.**

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

### Who is eligible to apply for a 60% discount?

Looked-after children (LAC) living within the Swindon Borough defined in the Children Act 1989 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. Children living within a family on Income support or Income Support based Jobseeker's allowance.

Children living within a family in receipt of Child Tax Credit with an annual salary less than £16190.

Children living within a family in receipt of a guaranteed element of State Pension Credit. Children living in a family receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.

Pupils in year groups Reception to Year 11 recorded as Ever6 Service Child or in receipt of a child pension from the MoD.

### What does the remission of fees 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 our remission of fees policy and receiving tuition.

Applications for fee remissions cannot be backdated.

Sibling discount

We also offer discounts 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 should be made to the JTP Trust Director and cannot be backdated.

Other Criteria

Other circumstances may be considered. Please contact the JTP Trust Director directly on the email address below.

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 2024/25 academic year.

This JTP Trust Policy came into force on: 23rd August 2024 and will be reviewed annually.

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Val Weston - Chair

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