



Charity Number 1101723

Funding Support 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 within our group singing classes.

As a registered charity our funds are limited: However, as an Associate of the Gloucester, Swindon and Wiltshire Music Hub, <https://gswmusicubswindwiltshire.org.uk/> we are able to offer a 50% fee reduction to eligible students on a first come, first served basis.

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, whether or not they are in receipt of Funding Support.**

Although we may not be able to help everybody who applies, we welcome requests from all prospective eligible students. Applications for Funding Support are usually made during August, before the new singing term starts in September.

Who is eligible to apply for a 50% discount?

- ~ Looked-after children (LAC) living within the Swindon Borough defined in the Children Act 1989 and 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 within a family receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.
- ~ Pupils in year groups Reception to Year 11 recorded as 'Ever 6 Service Child' or in receipt of a child pension from the MoD.

What is covered?

All singing and music tuition fees will be covered within the JTP Trust group lessons. The JTP Trust may also contribute towards the cost of certain examination fees for pupils who choose to take external board singing examinations through the JTP Trust whilst in receipt of our funding support and receiving tuition within the JTP Trust classes.

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.

Other Criteria

Other circumstances will be considered. For example, supporting singers who are in temporary financial difficulties. Please contact the JTP Trust Director directly on the email address below if you wish to discuss this further.

How to apply

Those eligible to apply for a reduction in fees towards lessons with JTP Trust should make their request by email to JTP Trust Director, Janice Thompson, using the following email address jtpacademy@gmail.com. Please note that backdated applications for Funding Support, Sibling Discount or those applying on another basis, cannot be considered.

Applications are now open for the 2025/26 academic year.

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Val Weston – Chair

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