Church End Hub Music – 9.30 -11.30 Term Time

Music Provision for Home-Educating Families in Bedfordshire

These sessions are mainly attended by home-educated children. Parents join in with some of the sessions. Music Cooperative teachers provide the group lessons and any associated instrumental lessons booked through the hub. (These do not have to take place at the same time or place as the group sessions.) The Church End setting is ideal for home-educating families with plenty of outdoor space and wider learning activities to explore on the same site. Please contact [hfarrow@bedsmusic.coop](mailto:hfarrow@bedsmusic.coop) for further information.

9.30-10.10 First Steps Music Class (Age approx. 4-7)

This is a group for building an enjoyment of music together and some basic skills in singing, keeping a beat and playing lots of musical games. Sessions include puppets, music and movement, story-telling, parachutes and plenty more. Supervised children can stay and play together in the outdoor spaces after the class. Older members of the class may also enjoy singing in the Home-Ed Community Choir at 10.45 and/or joining in Home-Ed Music Explorers.

10.10 - 10.45 Home-Ed Music Explorers (Age approx. 7+)

A place and a space for young Home-Ed musicians to make music together. There will be a balance of guided games and group music-making as well time for self-directed music projects. We will explore a wide range of styles including folk, jazz, pop, classical and world beats. Bring your own instrument/voice or use one of ours. Most children will stay to join in the Home-Ed Community Choir straight afterwards.

10.45-11.30 Home-Ed Community Choir

A chance to sing with your friends and family. We learn catchy and beautiful songs from all around the world, accompanying ourselves with body beats and percussion. Vocal skills and harmonies are taught along the way. There will be opportunities to sing in community events such as at retirement homes, the Bedford Christmas Tree Festival and multigenerational music workshops.

Instrumental lessons

It is possible for all home-educated children to book instrumental lessons on most instruments through the Music Cooperative on the following link: <https://www.bedsmusic.coop/lessons>

There are also large group ‘Learn to play’ sessions at the Saturday Centre. Please apply using this link: <https://jenbmc.wufoo.com/forms/zzyeh580mikrk7/>

It is also possible to form smaller, daytime, ‘Learn to Play’ groups for the home-educated. Popular choices are the recorder and violin. Please contact [hfarrow@bedsmusic.coop](mailto:hfarrow@bedsmusic.coop) to see what is currently available or initiate a new group.

Prices

(Nb. Funding may become available that will lower these costs)

One activity: £4.50 per session (Sibling discount £4.00)

Two activities: £6 per session (Sibling discount £5.00)

Learn-to-play on Saturdays: £10.50 per month

There will be opportunity at Christmas for members of this group to sing at the Bedford Christmas Tree Festival.