

Concerto Programme Application Form

Parent's Name

Child's Name

Address:

Contact Telephone No:

Instrument (tick all that are preferred)

Violin Cello

Flute Clarinet

Please return this form to:

Furness Music Centre, Dunnerholme Crossing,
Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA17 7TU

Or email an electronic copy to:

Concerto@FurnessMusicCentre.com

Furness Music Centre is supported by the Cumbria Music Education Hub

Cumbria Music Service has worked in partnership with the Furness Music Centre for a number of years now and is very pleased to support the 'Concerto' proposal. This proposal strongly reflects the aims outlined within 'The Importance of Music' which is the National Plan for Music Education. As we enter a new era of partnership working the 'Concerto' proposal provides an excellent platform and template model to support the development of a strategic plan for our emerging Music Education Hub.

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The Concerto Programme



*The Opportunity
for children in the
Furness Peninsula
to develop key
skills for life and
business through
music*

**Information for
Parents and
Children**

What is the Concerto Programme?

The Concerto Programme enables your child to learn an orchestral instrument and play with other people of all ages in small groups and larger orchestra.

As well as the enjoyment a child gets from being able to play an instrument, he or she will learn key skills that will help them in their studies at school and later in their life.

- **Teamwork Skills** playing together with other children and adults
- **Concentration** Anyone who has played an instrument in an orchestra or sung in a choir will tell you that it's hard mental work – your child will learn to concentrate hard
- **Confidence** We will make sure your child is able to play in concerts as soon as they can play in a small group

We strongly believe that playing music with others can provide a child with a great start to learning the skills that will enable them to succeed.

Drop in to see us at Furness Music Centre on any Saturday in term time. We meet in The Muse, Dowdales School, Dalton-in-Furness. Contact us or visit our web site if you need directions

What is Available?

We can provide:

- **Instrument Lessons** – a 20 or 30 minute lesson, depending in the age of your child, either on their own or with one or two other pupils.
- **An Instrument** – we can provide an instrument which your child can take home (and hopefully use to practice!)
- One or more sessions at **Furness Music Centre**. Once your child can play a few notes, we have a group that they can join
- **Assistance with travel costs** – we can either arrange for an approved volunteer to provide a lift or we can pay for the cost of the return bus fare from home to Dalton

When will this take place?

Your child's lesson will take place on a Saturday at **Furness Music Centre**. As well as a lesson he or she will be able to join in with other children and adults. The **Training Orchestra** (for beginners) meets from 9.00 until 10.15, and the **Community Orchestra** (for all abilities) meets from 10.30 until 12.15.

If your child has other commitments on a Saturday or you find it better to bring them at a specific time, we will try to make lessons available to meet your needs.

How much will it Cost?

We want to make sure that every child can join in, and so we have obtained funding to ensure that all of this will be free those families who can't afford to pay for lessons or buy instruments - **if a child qualifies for free school meals we can provide all of this completely free.**

The full cost of the programme for families who can afford to pay is approx. £43.50 per month depending on the choice of instrument (payable by standing order). If you feel that you cannot afford this amount, then we can offer subsidies dependent on your circumstances – particularly if you receive child tax credits. Please contact us to discuss this.

We are determined that every child and parent who wants to take advantage of the Concerto Programme will be able to

How do I apply for a Place?

Simply complete the form on the back of this leaflet and return it to the address on the back of this leaflet. You can also download a copy from our web site and email this to us at:

Concerto@FurnessMusicCentre.com

We will then arrange to meet you and discuss the programme with you to find out what is best for your child.