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KS2 Singing Festival – Level 3

Ecclesfield School Friday 10th July 2020

Sheffield Music Hub and Ecclesfield School would like to invite your school to participate in a Singing Festival to give your children the opportunity to perform high quality age appropriate songs as part of a choir of up to 250 young voices. This Level Three Singing festival is for classes or year groups who have attended a Singing Festivals before, are confident and expressive singers and where teachers feel ready to move them on to the next level of challenge.

Up to two classes of KS2 children will work with their class teacher and one of Sheffield Music Hub's experienced children's singing leaders. Your children will work towards the following objectives: Developing more complex harmony singing; opportunities for solos and small group singing; Performing with high levels of confidence and stage presence, with real commitment to expression and characterisation.

Further details are as follows:

In school sessions from a Sheffield Music Hub Singing Specialist

You will receive two visits to your school from one of our vocal music leaders. They will work with the class(es) who are learning the songs, and with their *class teachers* to help them feel confident and fully prepared for the final performance.

A final massed choir rehearsal and performance at Ecclesfield School

Your children will come together with up to 250 children from other primary schools to sing together for an afternoon at Ecclesfield School. Parents and Carers are invited to attend the performance to celebrate the fantastic achievements of the children.

A CPD session for as many members of your staff as you like!

A CPD twilight session will be held at Sheffield Music Hub's new dedicated learning space at Stadia Technology Park from 4-6pm on **Tuesday 21st April**. It is expected that the **class teachers** of the children who will be performing attend this session, and we also invite any other members of your school staff to join them: bring the whole team if you want to!



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Attendees will learn the songs for the Festival, and be guided to develop their teaching practice with great techniques for teaching songs to children and working with young voices. This project will have the biggest impact on your school's music strategy if non-music specialists can access this CPD session.

A song resource you can use with your whole school

The Singing Festival will use teacher friendly resources from a specialist publisher of school singing materials, which you can keep in school and continue to use long after the Singing Festival is finished. And because you can send as many of your staff as you like to the CPD session, the *whole school* can benefit from this project.

Cost to Schools

Singing Festivals are heavily subsidised by Sheffield Music Hub using money from the Arts Council England Music Education Hubs Grant. We ask each school to make a contribution of **£120** towards the Festival. This covers all of the elements outlined above (CPD, in school teaching sessions by Music Hub specialists, a high-quality reusable resource, and a performance opportunity with live band in a prestigious concert venue).

In addition to the £120 contribution, we will provide you with one concert ticket for each child taking part at a cost of £3 per ticket: This ticket is to allow friends and family to attend the performance, and you may choose to give or sell these to parents and carers at a price of your choosing.

Pricing example for 2 classes taking part:

Singing Festival fee: £120

60 tickets at £3 each: £180

Total cost: £300.

In this case, Sheffield Music Hub will charge your school £300, but you have the opportunity to recoup much or all of this by selling your 60 tickets to your families.

Timetable

Date:	Tuesday 21 st April 2020
Time:	1600 - 1800
Venue:	Sheffield Music Hub, Block C, Stadia Technology Park, 60 Shirland Lane, Sheffield. S9 3SP.
Process:	CPD Session led by Sheffield Music Hub. Your designated class teacher(s) must attend, but any other staff are welcome.

Date:	May and June
Time:	Negotiable
Venue:	Your School
Process:	Music Hub Singing Specialists will come to your school twice to work with your chosen class(es). Your class teachers will teach the children the skills and songs needed for the performance throughout the term.



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Date:	Friday 10 th July 2020
Time*: * Precise timings subject to slight change.	1245: Arrival 1300– 1410: Rehearsal 1430 – 1510: Performance (open to parents arranging free tickets in advance on a first come, first served basis)
Venue:	Ecclesfield School
Process:	Final Rehearsal and massed choir performance.

Transport

We ask that the school takes responsibility for safe transport of the children to and from Ecclesfield School and we will be in touch after you've signed up to let you know details about parking and logistics at the school.

What you need to do now

Please sign up online at www.sheffieldmusichub.org by Friday 20th March. If you have any further questions, please contact musichubprojects@Sheffield.gov.uk, or by phone on 0114 250 6860 (Monday to Friday – except Wednesdays). We are thrilled to be able to offer this opportunity and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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