

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC CREATIVE CAREERS CENTRE

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RCM TEACHING SERVICE – FAQs

For more information please see 'Information on the RCM Teaching Service' which can be found on the RCM website: www.rcm.ac.uk/teachingservice

Why should I use the RCM Teaching Service to find my teacher?

We will try to match you with an appropriate teacher that meets your requirements. Our teachers are all outstanding musicians and have all been taught by world class musicians at the Royal College of Music. Teachers are recommended to you on an individual basis. Whilst we make reasonable attempts to source teachers to match your requirements, it is the parents'/adults' responsibility to make their own judgement on the suitability of a teacher for themselves or a dependent.

How do I apply for a teacher?

To apply, please fill out the Application Form on our website for each individual wanting music lessons. If there is a problem or you need a paper copy, email teachingservice@rcm.ac.uk, phone 020 7591 4368, or write to RCM Teaching Service, Creative Careers Centre, Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, London, SW7 2BS.

Is there an Application Fee?

Yes, it is £48 (including VAT). This covers our full administration costs and enables us to find the right teacher for you and set up your first lesson. You will not need to pay this until the date, time, and location of the first lesson are confirmed. If you require a second teacher you will be liable for another Application Fee of £24. If you require more than two teachers the Application Fee will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

How much do lessons cost?

This is outlined in our **Information on the RCM Teaching Service** document which can be found on the RCM website: www.rcm.ac.uk/teachingservice. You will pay teachers directly. Travel expenses are not included – you can discuss this directly with the teacher.

How long are the lessons?

This is up to you and your teacher to arrange. Standard lengths of time are 30, 45, and 60 minutes depending on age and ability of the pupil.

Where do the lessons take place?

Our teachers normally travel to the pupil's home to give lessons. If you want lessons at an alternative location, you will need to arrange this and let us know. Please note it is not possible under any circumstances for members of the public to have lessons on RCM premises.

Is the first lesson a free trial lesson?

No, you will need to pay the teacher directly for their time.

Do I need an instrument for my first lesson?

Yes, you will need to have an instrument so that you can practice and make progress. You will not be able to use your teacher's instrument. If you need to hire an instrument or want to buy a new instrument your teacher will be able to help you with this.

I only have a keyboard: does this matter?

Most piano teachers are willing to teach on a suitable keyboard. However, this depends on the ability of the pupil. As progression is made, you may need to review if this is still suitable. Your teacher will be able to discuss this with you.

I want to have more lessons, do I contact you?

After the first lesson you will arrange future lessons directly with your teacher. If you need to rearrange or cancel any future lessons you should also contact your teacher directly. However, if you want to start lessons on a different instrument please go to the RCM website and fill in an Application Form: www.rcm.ac.uk/teachingservice