

# Singing Strategy





# Sing Out Together



The Government has established core roles that Music Education Hubs are required to provide, to ensure national consistency and equality of opportunity. One of the core roles is to:

**Develop a singing strategy to ensure that every pupil sings regularly and that choirs and other vocal ensembles are available in the area.**

We recognise that every school is different and have staff with different levels of singing experience and confidence. So we want you to decide how this money is used to form your school/cluster's singing strategy. EVERY school will be considered for funding (on application) to ensure that they are able to establish a suitable singing strategy, one that works best for their school or their cluster of schools.

As the Music Education Hub, we expect the following key elements to be incorporated in to your applications:

- Increased number of pupils learning to sing
- Increased number of choirs in schools/the borough
- Increased performance opportunities

We will establish a list of quality assured providers on our website as a starting point, but other reputable providers with a track record for high quality delivery known to you may be used (subject to our approval) if they are better able to meet your needs.

Your activities **MUST**:

- Take place within a year of application (and following year for Silver & Gold Schools).
- Improve the provision of singing in your school (cluster of schools for Silver & Gold) linked to a specific area of focus for development.
- Allocate funding to the delivery of singing provision either directly or indirectly.
- Leave a legacy for improved singing provision through CPD or through opportunities developed out of the strategy delivery.

Your funding application **MUST NOT** be for:

- Singing work that is already taking place in your schools.
- Broader arts activities that are not deemed to involve singing - e.g.: crafts or t-shirts

There are 3 different types of direct funding:

**LET'S SING**

**SILVER SINGING SCHOOL**

**GOLD SINGING SCHOOL**

Schools that enjoy singing but do not wish to be a Gold or Silver School can register (using the online planning form) to be a

**SINGING SCHOOL**

**The funding outlined is the maximum amount of money that you can apply for – (school contribution, parent contribution, PTA, and donations can also be used towards projects if the Sing Out Together funding does not fully fund all activities).**

Schools apply for this funding by completing an online planning form, outlining the schools they will be working with (for Gold and Silver), how many children will be involved, and what their priorities and predicted outcomes are.

The online planning application form can be submitted at any time and confirmation will be given within 2 weeks of the application. Funds will be released on completion of a short evaluation form from both the lead school and the service providers, evaluating the progress at each point that funds are released. **All schools involved will be expected to complete a full evaluation at the end of the project. Failure to return evaluation forms will result in schools not receiving Sing Out Together funding for the following year.**

After reviewing the information in this document, we ask schools to consider the development of singing across their cluster/partnership.

**Actions:**

1. Contact schools to be part of your cluster (Gold and Silver) and agree to act as the main contact for their Sing Out Together provision and allocate a main person for communication.
2. Meet with all schools in your cluster to develop and agree on a singing strategy, identifying priorities and objectives.
3. Seek providers to support the delivery of the provision either from the Sing Out Together partners or from other trusted providers known to schools.
4. Assign allocated funding to singing strategy delivery sessions/workshops/events.
5. Send application and planning to Ealing Music Service for approval and await confirmation (please apply/plan on template provided).
6. Contact providers and organise delivery.
7. Payment - schools will be required to pay for the delivery of the work directly to providers and then send an invoice with a copy of the providers' invoice and evaluation forms to EMS for transfer of funds.

All schools involved to complete an evaluation of the singing strategy on template provided.

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## Funding Options

### GOLD SINGING SCHOOL

(2 year funding)

A school where singing is a fundamental part of school life.

Gold Singing Schools **MUST** sing in large groups such as assemblies and within lessons as a whole class, as well as run two or more successful school choirs of various ages across a diverse range of genres.

If you are awarded **Gold Singing School** status it means you will take on the strategic lead and work with at least **five** other schools initiating 'school-to-school' support, working together to share common objectives towards improving singing provision across the cluster, with focus on school choirs.

All schools must be given performance opportunities throughout the year, in addition to a large scale singing event at the end of the project drawing together choirs from each school within the cluster.

**Up to £3000 over 2 years** – (Clusters can include ALL Singing Schools)

### SILVER SINGING SCHOOL

(2 year funding)

A school where singing is already being enjoyed by a number of pupils within a school choir and as part of music lessons, as well as whole school singing assemblies.

If you are awarded **Silver Singing School** status it means you will work with at least **three** other schools initiating 'school- to -school' support, working together to share common objectives towards improving singing provision across the cluster, with focus on whole class singing.

Performance opportunities for whole class projects will be given in each school and as a cluster - e.g.: SongFest, SingOut, or similar events.

**Up to £2000 per cluster over 2 years** – (clusters can include Singing and Let's Sing Schools)

### SINGING SCHOOL

(Cluster funding)

A school where singing is already being enjoyed in a variety of ways and that would like to register their interest in becoming a Singing School, accessing the funding by working under the umbrella of a Silver or Gold School as part of a cluster. **Fill in the online form straight away if you want to be a Singing School.**

### Let's Sing

(1 year funding)

A school that has a limited amount of singing taking place, but with the enthusiasm and desire to improve confidence in singing and to embed it into school life.

Funding support for **Let's Sing** is for introducing singing in assemblies and providing CPD to specialist and non-specialist teachers, giving them confidence to start singing in class.

**Let's Sing Schools** will be expected to perform in school at least once a term, and at a SingOut or SongFest event or similar once a year as part of the project to receive the funding.

Schools can only apply for funding to be a **Let's Sing School** twice, after which they will be made a **Singing School**.

**Up to £500 per school for 1 year** – (Let's Sing Schools can also be part of a Silver or Gold School cluster)