

Terms & Conditions/Useful information

Creative Ensemble Membership 2025/26 (£70 from October 2025 – June 2026)

Membership entitles you to an automatic place in every session listed below.

By signing up for membership, you commit to attend the majority* of the following dates (all from 10:30am-3pm apart from 13th June – see below):

11th October 2025

8th November 2025

10th January 2026

14th February 2026

14th March 2026

9th May 2026

13th June 2026 (Members only: 10:30-3pm rehearsal and late afternoon/early evening concert – exact times tbc but to finish no later than 6pm)

The membership fee still works out at £10 per session but, due to there being an extra session next year (total of 7 sessions), the fee is £70.

* attendance at 9th May & 13th June is essential for attending rehearsals and the concert.

The members concert on 13th June 2026 will be filmed and it is therefore a requirement of membership for you to provide consent for this in the application form.

Membership will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. In case the ensemble is over-subscribed, priority will be given to those living within BCP or attending a BCP school.

In case of non-attendance at 3 or more sessions, SoundStorm reserves the right to offer the membership place to another applicant on the waiting list. Please note, the membership fee will not be refunded in these circumstances.

Creative Ensemble Individual sessions (£15.00 per session)

As an alternative to membership, you may apply for a place on any/all of the below dates (10.30am - 3pm at Magna Academy, Poole):

11th October 2025

8th November 2025

10th January 2026

14th February 2026

14th March 2026

9th May 2026

Although we will do our best to ensure everybody gets to attend at least one session, places are not guaranteed and a waiting list system will be established where necessary.

General

Booking/payment details:

- Upon receipt of an application form for either **membership** or **individual sessions**, SoundStorm will contact you within 10 working days to confirm whether a space has been allocated to you. Please pay within 2 weeks of receipt of payment request in order to secure the booking (payment requests will not be sent before September 2025).
- Refunds will not be given unless the applicant is forced to withdraw due to a serious medical condition.
- SoundStorm is committed to making music accessible to all young people. If financial barriers are preventing attendance at the Creative Ensemble, please contact Claire Butler claire.butler@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Practical considerations:

- Both the venue and the Creative Ensemble operate a strict no nuts policy. There are staff members and attendees with severe nut allergies so please remember that all food brought on to the premises should be strictly nut free.
- Please allow plenty of time to travel to the venue, do consider there are often road works/repairs in the Poole area. We aim to start promptly at 10.30am so the young people can make the most of their session. We reserve the right to offer a membership place to another applicant in the event of regular late arrival.
- Parents /carers are allowed to accompany their child/children into the sessions to help them settle but are then required to leave once the session begins. Parents/carers are not permitted to stay for the full session unless explicitly agreed in advance with SoundStorm.
- All attendees are required to bring their own instruments with them to every session, unless notified otherwise by Creative Ensemble at prior sessions. This includes any amplification, leads etc.