

## ARTSMARK PROJECT 2019 - 2021

I am delighted to contact your school to invite you to take part in the next round of the Coventry Music Artsmark Project.

### About Artsmark

Artsmark has been designed by schools, for schools, to support the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum. As well as recognising schools that are making the arts come alive, the Artsmark award is a practical and valuable tool for enriching a school's arts provision whatever the starting point.

Working towards an Artsmark award encourages and supports the development of a broad and balanced curriculum, focussed on the personal development of children and young people. It is therefore a perfect way to prepare for the implementation of the new Ofsted framework.

Artsmark has been reinvented as a common sense process that is light on paperwork and flexible to each school. More information about the Artsmark journey is available here: <http://www.artsmark.org.uk>.

### About the Coventry Music Artsmark Project 2019 - 2021

In 2016, Coventry Music Hub worked with Arts Council England on a national research project to explore how Music Hubs can support schools working towards an Artsmark award. Ten Coventry schools took part, and have now either achieved their Artsmark award, or are in the final stages of the process.

The next round of the Artsmark project will support ten schools in attaining an Artsmark award in 2021, in time to celebrate their achievements during Coventry's City of Culture year.

The advantages of working towards Artsmark as part of this project include:

- Bespoke Artsmark sessions held locally in Coventry
- Support from an Artsmark consultant, who will work with schools throughout the project
- Ongoing support, school visits and consultancy from the Coventry Music team
- Becoming part of a network of schools going through the process together
- Signposting to opportunities provided by Hub Partners and other arts organisations

We are now opening up applications for the Artsmark project. If you would like your school to take part, please complete an application form and return it to [jonathon.wakefield@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:jonathon.wakefield@coventry.gov.uk).

As you will see from the key dates below, application forms must be received by the end of **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**.

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| 28 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019   | Application forms sent out                                   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019   | Deadline for application forms                               |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019  | <b>Artsmark Networking Meeting*</b> (4 – 5:30 pm)            |
| March, 2019                      | Schools complete Self-Assessment                             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> April, 2019      | <b>Artsmark Development Day*</b> (9:30 am – 4 pm)            |
| April – July, 2019               | Schools complete Statement of Commitment                     |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019 | <b>Artsmark Impact and Evaluation Session*</b> (4 – 5:30 pm) |
| January – December, 2020         | Progress Meetings and Music Hub school visits                |
| Autumn Term, 2020                | <b>Case Study Support Session*</b> (date and time tbc)       |
| February – April, 2021           | Schools submit final Case Study                              |
| September, 2021                  | Artsmark / City of Culture Celebration!                      |

*\*These sessions must be attended by two members of staff from each school, including a member of the Senior Leadership Team*