

WELCOME TO THE 2024 FESTIVAL

Subject to the prevailing Covid-19 constraints we will be running the 78th annual [Fareham Music Festival](#) between Friday 3rd May and Sunday 5th May, 2024 at West Hill Park School in Titchfield. If you have not visited us before I would like to take this opportunity of explaining what we do and inviting you to enter students to the festival.

Fareham Music Festival (like the other 300+ Festivals affiliated to the [British and International Federation of Festivals for Music, Dance & Speech](#)) is a charitable organisation run entirely by volunteers. The Federation is dedicated to providing a platform for people of all ages interested in the performing arts. We organise a weekend of music-making in Fareham with the benefit of constructive criticism from experienced adjudicators. Despite its competitive nature, we pride ourselves on creating a friendly atmosphere for all our visitors. Our adjudicators for 2024 will be **Sarah Jefferies** (for choral & vocal) and **Bryan Husband** (for piano & instrumental).

The Festival Committee seeks to work in partnership with parents, guardians and teachers and endeavours to provide, as far as is practicable, a safe and secure environment for all participants. If you are entering competitors who are children or vulnerable adults, please draw the attention of their parents/guardians/carers to our Safeguarding Policy (in the Syllabus and on our [website](#)), and remind them that they are responsible for the safety of their children and should accompany and supervise them throughout the Festival.

Entry Forms will be available for downloading from our website. **The closing date for entries is 16th March 2024.** I look forward to welcoming you to our Festival. If you have any questions please call, write, or email me.

Sule Taylor

Chairperson, Fareham Music Festival

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Would you like to become a Friend of the Festival or be listed in our Register of Teachers and/or sponsor a class?

A Friend is entitled to a Programme and admission to all classes of the Festival weekend for a minimum donation of £15 pa – see [donation form](#)

Entry in Teacher's Register £7, Sponsor a Class £10, Register + Sponsor £15
- see [registration form](#)

Donations in cash or kind are always welcome.

Volunteers to assist with the running of the Festival are always needed.

There is currently one position vacant at present: -

Safeguarding officer - Ensuring that procedures are in place to protect vulnerable people. These are currently in place and only need checking on an annual basis to ensure all procedures remain valid. Also, ensuring DBS checks are undertaken if required.

We also need lots of helpers to ensure the smooth running of the Festival: admin support for the adjudicators, door and hall stewards, taking admission fees at the door, selling tickets and programmes, and assisting at the certificate desks.

Please contact a Committee member if you wish to help in any way.

Cheques payable to **Fareham Music Festival** – thank you.