



Winsters Morris Dancers

Support for schools

Winsters Morris Dancers are pleased to be able to offer a range of support for primary schools in Derbyshire. In this pack we tell you about

- *Workshops available to support the dance and PE curriculum and to enhance the Arts provision.*
- *INSET available for teachers and support staff*
- *How we can support functions such as Spring and Summer Fairs*

There has been a morris dancing team in the Peak District village of Winsters, off and on, for well over a hundred years. We offer the opportunity for schools to experience and learn some of the traditional steps and dances which we perform.

To discuss how Winsters Morris Dancers could support your school, please contact
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Winster Morris Dancers workshops for schools

Programmes available

Our workshops are led by two of the current Winster team, accompanied by professional musicians. The programme is tailored to suit the needs and interests of the school, and can include folk singing and traditional story telling as well as the dances.

Schools will receive an educational pack, including a DVD and CD of our music and dances. This has been developed with support from Awards for All.

Example of a half day workshop

Whole school assembly in which children (and adults!) learn about the history of morris and other heritage dancing in the UK and of the Winster Morris Dancers. This includes music and practical demonstrations.

Workshop with a class or group of children, in which they learn one of the basic Morris steps and 2 or 3 of our dances. From experience we find this works well with KS2 children, but can be adapted for younger ones.

Repeat of workshop, with a second group.

Example of a full day workshop

As above, with additional workshops with 2 further groups/classes.
Plus: Final assembly, to include performance by children.

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As above, but afternoon session could include folk singing and/or traditional story telling with a couple of groups.

Example of extended day, to include workshop and/or performance by children for parents.

This would build on the full day workshop, but with a focus on a small number of classes who would perform to the school and to parents, and also give the opportunity for any interested parents to join in one or two of our participation dances.

Costs

Half day workshop, plus education pack	£200
Full day workshop, plus education pack	£350
Extended day, to include parents	£450.



INSET available for schools

Morris Dancing can support children's learning and development in a number of ways, which are linked to the PE and Arts curriculum and to an understanding of our heritage. The INSET package available is designed to explore the ways in which this can happen, and can be negotiated to suit the requirements of your school. Inevitably, there is also a lot of fun involved!

The INSET will be led by current members of Winster Morris and professional musicians. It can be offered over a half day, full day or a series of 2-3 staff meetings, could include:

- Practical sessions in which colleagues learn basic steps and some of our dances, and will enable you to see and discuss the potential for introducing morris dancing to children.
- An introduction to our education pack, which all schools taking part will receive. This will support the ways in which you may choose to introduce morris dancing into the curriculum.
- Discussions about how the historical aspects of morris and other heritage dancing can be integrated into the school's curriculum.
- An introduction to a variety of folk songs which, from our experience children really enjoy.

Costs

For a full day £350.

For a half day £200.

For staff meetings we charge £150 per meeting.





Support for school and community functions

Winsters Morris Dancers have a proud tradition of supporting School Fairs and Village Carnivals across Derbyshire and find we are really well received. Basically we try to ensure that everyone has a lot of fun watching and joining in with us. Typically we would perform two slots of about 30 minutes each, to fit in with the organisers' programme, and we always aim to bring along a full team of dancers, accompanied by musicians and characterers, usually our witch and jester. Each slot starts with our procession, and ends with the famous Winsters Gallop, which is our participatory dance. Our performance is accompanied by a brief history of Winsters Morris and of each dance.

Our usual fee for this is £150.

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