



Covid 19 Instrumental Lessons and Co-curricular Musical Activities: Safety Procedures

This risk assessment was completed with reference to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools?s=09#music-dance-and-drama-in-school>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

<https://www.ism.org/advice/safeguarding-for-remote-lessons>

<https://www.ism.org/advice/instrument-hygiene-preventing-the-spread-of-covid-19-when-performing-or-teaching>

<https://www.ism.org/advice/easing-of-lockdown-schools-reopening>

General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The intention is that face-to-face teaching should resume in school from Monday 14th September. ○ Remote teaching (with the pupil supervised in the music department and the VMT at home) will continue to be an option if a safe teaching area cannot be guaranteed. ○ VMTs should liaise regularly with Music Office staff to ascertain whether a safe teaching area is available.
Lesson procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where possible, windows should be open during lessons. ○ If natural ventilation is not possible, a short break should be taken after 15 minutes. (The whole department, including pods, operates an effective mechanical ventilation system) ○ VMTs should disinfect screens/door handles/music stands and anything the pupil has touched between lessons. ○ Instant sanitiser sprays will be provided to VMTs. ○ VMTs should ensure that pupils have washed/sanitised their hands before and after their instrumental lesson. ○ Hand sanitiser will be available in all teaching rooms. ○ VMTs may wear face coverings. ○ A minimum 2 metre distance must be maintained between teacher and pupil at all times.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No sharing of instruments. ○ Use of school instruments must be supervised by a teacher and school instruments must be sanitised before use.
Woodwind, Brass and Singing teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ These lessons must take place in large, well ventilated rooms ○ Protective screens are available and may be used at the discretion of the teacher and depending on the size of the space. ○ A minimum 3 metre distance should be maintained between teacher and pupil. ○ If a safe area cannot be assured, teaching should be remote. ○ Brass students must use a puppy pad (provided) to collect spit valve deposits and these should be binned immediately after lessons and rehearsals
Percussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Percussion lessons will continue to be taught in the Percussion Room and Drum Kit Studio. ○ As these rooms are not naturally ventilated, a short break should be taken after 15 minutes. ○ Pupils are expected to provide their own sticks/batons – labelled clearly. ○ VMTs are responsible for disinfecting department tools between pupils.
Piano and Organ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keyboards should be sanitised by the teacher after each lesson.
Extracurricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Junior ensembles maintain year group bubbles. ○ Pupils must wash hands before each rehearsal. ○ Teachers should on each occasion remind pupils of the importance of personal hygiene (coughing/sneezing into elbows, etc.). ○ Ensembles should rehearse in large, well ventilated spaces so that appropriate social distancing can be maintained. ○ Stands will be wiped down and disinfected between rehearsals. ○ Brass players must bring a clean hand towel to collect spit valve deposits. ○ Sheet music should not be shared. ○ Breaks should be taken every 30 minutes.

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