

Music Department

Peripatetic Music Lessons

To maintain safe protocols to reduce the risk of aerosol transmission of Covid-19 in Music Lessons.

September 2020

Dear Parent / carer,

Music tuition on Guitar, Ukulele, Piano, Electronic Keyboard and drums resumed on Monday 21st September with COVID-19 mitigations firmly in place. These lessons are chargeable, with the exception of pupil premium students.

The safety of students in our care is of paramount importance, and you can be reassured that each music tutor will ensure that the following measures are in place:

1. Students will access the music rooms by leaving their own area by the allocated exit door, walk around the perimeter of the school building (following the year group foot paths where applicable) and **wait outside the West Wing entrance by room 14 - main music room. (Currently designated as the year 8 entrance).** The member of staff teaching in the said classrooms or practice rooms will meet and greet students and escort them to their timetabled music lesson. Students **must not** wander across year group bubbles as a short cut to the music rooms.
2. The only people in the room will be your child and the music tutor.
3. Social distancing will be maintained, and face coverings will be used if this is not possible at any point.
4. Appropriate seating positions will be implemented.
5. The instruments (if using school equipment), chair and door handles will be cleaned before and after your child's lesson. Your child should bring their own guitar into school for their lesson. Pianos, keyboards and drum kits will be provided and cleaned before and after use by your child.
6. Hand sanitiser will be available (your child should also have their own). We will be enforcing the acronym: SBSA (Sub-Sar) **Sanitise Before, Sanitise After.** Lessons will be in a practice room that is large enough to maintain two metres social distancing, with a high ceiling and two open windows for ventilation.
7. Your child will have a face covering with them at all times in case it is required at any point during the lesson.

If you wish your child to continue to have, or to start peripatetic music lessons, please complete the slip below. Your child will NOT be allowed to have lessons without this being signed in advance of their first lesson.

In these unprecedented times, more than ever we want to support each other with kindness and Christian love for the benefit of all in the Balshaw's family. The health, safety and wellbeing of all our students is at the heart of what we do and maintaining the safety of all is behind these decisions. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch either by email or by telephoning the school office to arrange a conversation over the phone.

In order to maintain safe protocols to reduce the risk of aerosol transmission of Covid-19, face to face singing lessons cannot take place at this time, but can be arranged as web-based online lessons in consultation with the music department.

Brass lessons, the School Brass Band, and live choral rehearsals cannot take place.

As soon as these become available further information will be given out, and will appear on the school website, on bulletins and screens around school.

Kindest regards,

Mrs R. Atkinson-Brown

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Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. (Psalm 119 v 105)

**Please keep the top part of the letter, detach and return the slip below to Mrs Atkinson-Brown (Head of Music)
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I give full permission for my child (Name) _____; Form _____ to have peripatetic

music lessons in school on the following instrument: Piano, Keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, (Please circle)

Signed:

(Parent / carer)

Date: