



Covid 19 Update to Music Policy

The following additions to our policy have been made in light of guidance published by the Government regarding Covid 19 and the wider opening of school.

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools-july-2nd-2020>). All of the following expectations have been put in place to ensure the safety of our whole school community.

- Singing and use of instruments :
- Hands should be washed by staff and pupils before and after the use of musical equipment.
- 2 metres social distancing for playing an instrument and only 5 minutes if also singing in one lesson.
- Teacher to give out instruments to children and children to each have their own instrument. No Sharing of equipment within the bubble.
- Instruments and equipment such as beaters to be cleaned before and after use using the appropriate cleaning products supplied.
- Equipment kept clean and should be cleaned frequently and meticulously and always between bubbles or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different bubbles.
- If any equipment is put in the mouth it is to be cleaned with appropriate cleaning products eg. disinfected wipe. immediately and placed away from the group for 48 hours.
- Music played within classrooms should be of a safe noise level and played at a low minimum to avoid teachers and children to have to shout over it and therefore project voice.
- Singing should also be kept at a low minimum and the raising of voices prevented.
- Ensure there is adequate ventilation and wither have singing in the hall or outside with 3 metres social distancing. In a classroom only half the cohort to sing.

Resonate Whole Class Ensemble:

- Group ensemble sessions to take place in the hall where there is a greater scope for social distancing and it can be adhered to.
- Group lessons; instruments to be stored in school and cleaned thoroughly before and after use and time to be given for this to be done.
- Group instruments NOT to be shared.
- The maximum time for any music session is 30mins (subject to change with DFE guidance), this will allow both Resonate tutors and support teachers adequate

time to sanitise resources and reduce extended periods of exposure to possible infection.

- Teacher support for all group sessions so that they can manage personal care, support with resource management and the cleaning of instruments.
- Paper towels to be provided and suitable cleaning products.
- Screen and laptop to be regularly sanitised.
- Instrument maintenance and establishing safe routines and practices will take place prior to any delivery (usually the first week of timetabled activity) and tutors will support teachers on practical measures for safe practice.