



Working Safely in Schools during the Pandemic

As face-to-face lessons begin to resume, it's important we are 'Covid-19 compliant'. We will keep up-to-date and follow the latest Government guidance and fully comply with each school's rules and regulations relating to working and teaching in 'bubbles'.

In our Risk Assessment which is based on guidance supplied by the Musician's Union, we will consider the following areas:

Social Distancing

We will aim to maximise the distance between the coach and the student(s) in the teaching space. The space should be able to be accessed easily by participants.

We will minimise the number of people in the teaching space (eg other students, coaches or staff).

Coaches and students will sit side-by-side rather than face-to-face to reduce the risk of transmission.

The Teaching Space

There should be adequate ventilation in place, using natural ventilation whenever possible but not including opening Fired Doors. For any *dual* lessons (two students : one coach), students should be positioned side-to-side or back-to-back (rather than face-to face) if possible.

We will avoid any physical contact between the teacher and student.

Gloves may be advisable in some circumstances and masks can be considered if practical.

Cleaning

As well as each school's responsibility to daily provide thoroughly cleaned teaching spaces, we will ensure surfaces are fully cleaned before and after sessions along with door handles, switches, plugs, and our musical instruments etc. We will allow extra time between teaching slots for carrying out our cleaning regime.

Instruments

The student should use only their own instrument where possible. We will avoid sharing plectrums, sticks etc. If keyboards are used for multiple lessons, these must be wiped down between each lesson.

Moving Forward

This policy is under constant review as per UK Government guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic.