

Music Department

Covid-19 Control measures additional to departmental risk assessment control measures.

General Class Music

1. Seating plans (desks and keyboards) will be strictly adhered to allowing any potential occurrences of the virus in school to be tracked. Pupils are expected to work at their allocated desk or keyboard and reduce movement as far as possible.
2. Pupils will enter MU1 via the normal route and will bring their bags / coats into the classroom avoiding the use of pegs. At the end of the lesson, pupils will leave via the small practice room (doors to be wedged open throughout the day).
3. Pupils will enter MU2 via the normal route and will also bring the bags / coats into the classroom avoiding the use of pegs. At the end of the lesson, pupils will leave via the same door and depart the Music block via the exit at the L-block end of the corridor.
4. Pupils will not have access to the Drum / Guitar room.
5. The class teacher should remain behind the teacher's desk at all times where possible except when assistance is being provided to pupils during practical activities. Teachers should avoid touching class electronic keyboards and where modelling is required, use the teacher keyboard situated at the front of the classroom. Where assistance is being provided to individual pupils, the teacher should spend no longer than 5 minutes within 2 metres of a particular child.
6. Shared equipment (electronic keyboards and occasionally other instruments) should be sanitised after use by pupils using the equipment. Class teachers to supervise this process and demonstrations will be provided to all classes at the start of the academic year with regularly and timely reminders.
7. Pupils will have sole use of an electronic keyboard each lesson which they must sanitize afterwards. The layout of both classrooms is such that those pupils undertaking practical keyboard tasks will face away from other members of the class and will be sitting side-by-side to other keyboard users.
8. Electronic keyboards (and any other equipment used) must be wiped down and sanitised by user at end of lesson or practical session.
9. As per government guidelines, singing and chanting will not take place in class Music lessons. The use of wind instruments by individual pupils should also be avoided unless necessary precautions can be taken (e.g. pupil stands at least 2 metres away from the teacher and other pupils). Pupils may use their own string instruments in class music lessons but must not share these with any other member of the class.
10. The teacher is responsible for sanitizing the teacher's desk, keyboard and any other equipment (e.g. piano, remote controls, hi-fi equipment) used at the end of the lesson if another member of staff is using the room and equipment or at the end of each day. Teachers must not share whiteboard pens.
11. If necessary, blue disposable gloves should be worn where the teacher deems this necessary and a face covering may be worn by the class teacher whilst providing advice and guidance to pupils undertaking practical tasks.