

**COVID-19 Statement (August 2021)**

**Ahead of September I am awaiting specific guidance from schools and ISM.
I will continue to be timetabling my lessons with 5 minutes gap in between pupils, to allow ventilation.**

COVID-19 Statement (June 2021)

All lessons are now offered face-to-face with a Zoom option if self-isolation restrictions or personal circumstances require. School risk assessments are still relevant, and mitigations for safe practice continue to be in place (see below). Where lessons take place in pupil homes, I appreciate continued enhanced ventilation. I will wear my mask when possible and ensure my own regular hand sanitising. Sanitising of pianos / door handles etc remain the responsibility of pupils/parents. I am lateral-flow testing twice each week (Sunday and Wednesday) and have had both vaccines. Please ensure all secondary aged pupils are also lateral flow testing as required.

1. COVID-19 Pandemic

- 1.1 From March 2020, peripatetic music teaching has changed and some of these changes are relevant to my current policies. Changes stated here may temporarily over ride some of those in Policies 1, 2 and 3.
Where there is no specific detail included, the original policy guidance remains.
- 1.2 Online teaching has become common place, and this new provision will continue to be available (see 2. Online Teaching)
- 1.3 Online music exams have become common place and these will continue to be available (see 3. Digital Exams)

2. Online Teaching

- 2.1 Flute and piano teaching can be carried out online. The majority of these lessons will be carried out using a private Zoom connection, although other options can be considered in consultation between pupil/parent and teacher.
- 2.3 For KS2 and younger pupils, a parent or carer is required to be within ear shot of all lessons. All pupils must be dressed appropriately (eg. no pyjamas etc!) and normal music lesson expectations apply
- 2.2 Private Zoom links are emailed to pupils/parents, and a waiting room is in place for security. Online lessons will be terminated without warning, and parents contacted immediately, if any inappropriate behaviour takes place.
- 2.2 Policy No.2 Use of Technology contains details of how images and videos are used in my teaching. These guidelines remain in place for online teaching. Lessons are not recorded and pupils must not take screen shots of their screen whilst the lesson is taking place.

3. Digital Exams

- 3.1 ABRSM, Trinity and MTB all offer digital exam options. There are pros and cons to all exam options, and these will be discussed with pupils and parents as required.
- 3.2 To complete a digital exam, a recording of the pupils' performance is required. Please read Policy No.2 Use of Technology for further details about how I record and store videos and images of pupils.
- 3.3 Video and audio recordings are shared with the exam board as required.