

Covid-19 Supplementary Risk Assessment Whole Class Instrumental Tuition

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Description of activity

WCIT is typically taught weekly by a visiting SFE music teacher in classes of 25-30 pupils in Primary Schools. Most lessons take place in School Halls, but some may be in large classrooms. Since April 2020, SFE has been adapting its Music teaching provision for school settings, aiming to keep both staff and pupils safe and carefully following DfE guidance relating to COVID-19. This RA was compiled following further guidance published in July 2021. Although most restrictions have now been lifted, there are still a number of measures that are required and some that are to be considered as safe practice.

Existing control measures

	Hazard	Who is at risk?	Control measure(s)	Who is responsible?
1	Airborne transmission	Everyone	Space is normally accounted for by generously-sized accommodation	SFE staff in liaison with school staff.
2	Airborne transmission	Everyone	Teacher(s) stands at the front of the class and is at least 1-2m from nearest player at all times.	SFE staff in liaison with school staff.
3	Surface transmission via handling of instruments	Everyone	Pupils have their own designated instrument and (for most) a labelled case. The SFE teacher uses his/her own instrument for demonstration.	SFE staff in liaison with school staff.
4	Surface transmission	Everyone	Resources are projected and shared online. Contact with surfaces, such as chairs, tables etc. is kept to a minimum.	SFE staff in liaison with school staff.

Initial risk rating

The rating relates to the likelihood of risk of infection, as well the severity of consequences as it is currently perceived. It should be noted that this severity score for Covid-19 will vary according to factors such as age and additional underlying conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, etc. For the purposes of an overall viewpoint, an average score has been estimated. 1 = Least Likely/Severe, 5 = Most Likely/Severe.

How likely is the activity to result in actual harm (1-5)?	3
How severe would the consequences be (1-5)?	3
Risk rating (likelihood x severity)	9

Likelihood	5					
	4					
	3					
	2					
	1					
		1	2	3	4	5
		Severity				

Additional control measures

Infection Control

- SFE staff must undergo twice-weekly rapid lateral flow tests (LFT) at home (e.g. Sunday and Wednesday evenings) and maintain a record of the results.
- If a positive LFT test is recorded, a further Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test must be undertaken, and SFE staff should stay away from school premises until a negative result has been confirmed or (in the case of a positive PCR test result) they have completed the period of self-isolation (10 days).
- Staff must not undertake LFTs if a PCR positive result has been confirmed in the previous 90 days.
- SFE staff teachers showing signs of symptoms (persistent/new cough, high temperature, loss of smell/taste) must not attend the school premises, nor return until they have completed a PCR test and received confirmation they do not have Covid-19.
- SFE staff who have been contacted through 'NHS Test and Trace' must not attend the school premises until they have completed a PCR test and received confirmation they do not have Covid-19.

	Hazard	Who is at risk?	Additional control measures	Who is responsible?
1	Airborne transmission	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor spaces used should have plenty of adequate ventilation, using open windows and doors to allow good airflow (including between lessons). • SFE staff are advised to wear facemasks in corridors/communal areas of schools, and may wear face masks during teaching if they wish. • SFE to continue to provide PPE to staff, which schools may also provide. • SFE staff to maintain social distance of a minimum of 1m at all times. • Using one of the School Halls would minimise risk and enable effective social distancing, especially for wind-blown instruments. 	SFE staff in liaison with school staff.
2	Airborne transmission from singing	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important that singing is led carefully and a sensible dynamic is encouraged. 	SFE staff in liaison with school staff.
3	Surface transmission via mouthpieces,	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All instruments are to stay at the school until teachers are satisfied that pupils have the knowledge and skills to care for them appropriately. • SFE staff have been trained in the use of supplied PPE and hygiene products when setting up and handling instruments (gloves, wipes, masks etc.). 	SFE staff in liaison with school staff.

handling of instruments		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The skins of shared percussion instruments played by hand may be covered with clingfilm and replaced in between each lesson. Where this is not possible, the skins will be wiped between usage.</i> • <i>Special considerations such as using wipes and marking a non-contact area required for shared instruments (e.g. keyboards), use of beaters for percussion, etc.</i> 	
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Residual Risk rating

How likely is the activity to result in actual harm (1-5)?	1
How severe would the consequences be (1-5)?	3
Risk rating (likelihood x severity)	3

Likelihood	5	Green	Yellow	Red	Red	Red
	4	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red
	3	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red
	2	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow
	1	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
		1	2	3	4	5
	Severity					

Risk rating:	1-6	Green	Control measures are implemented consistently and monitored carefully.
	8-12	Amber	Additional controls required to reduce the risk. Control measures are implemented consistently and monitored carefully.
	15-25	Red	Activity to be stopped until additional controls can be put in place to manage the risk.

Date to be communicated to SFE staff: 02/09/21