



England Supplement

1st February 2022

There are now no absolute restrictions on musical activity in school, after hours or in out-of-school settings. It is still necessary to manage the risks of Covid-19 and to be ready to step up mitigations but day-to-day, music education providers can operate normally.

In school you can:

- Carry out all musical activities normally, both in the classroom and outside of school hours. **This includes singing and playing blown instruments** (nothing in the guidance restricts this)
- Mix groups freely ([Schools operational guidance](#), Mixing and bubbles , pp.5-6)
- Make music in groups of any size (Group sizes, p.10)
- Welcome visitors into schools, although they should be encouraged to take a lateral flow test before entering (Asymptomatic testing, p.11)
- Welcome parents into schools for performances (Control measures, Keep occupied spaces well ventilated, p.10)
- Run educational visits, although the guidance remains cautious about overseas visits (Educational visits, p.14)

In out-of-school settings you can:

- Carry out all musical activities normally. **This includes singing and playing blown instruments** (nothing in the guidance restricts this)
- Mix groups freely ([Actions for out-of-school settings](#), Mixing and bubbles , p.11)
- Make music in groups of any size, including assemblies (ibid)
- Welcome visitors, although they should be encouraged to take a lateral flow test before entering (Asymptomatic testing, p.17)
- Run live performances, following the [DCMS guidance](#) (Performances and events, p.19)
- Run educational visits, although the guidance remains cautious about overseas visits (Educational visits, p.19)

You cannot:

- There are no activities that are restricted at this time. **This includes any and all activities which have been restricted at some time during the pandemic.**

We recommend:

- Reviewing your risk assessments for each activity and venue or space, and ensuring that control measures are still being followed
- Continuing to match numbers carefully to spaces and ensuring good ventilation
- Encouraging visiting adults in schools and out-of-school settings to wear masks in communal and poorly ventilated spaces, even where this is not required by law, guidance or school policy
- Distancing as reasonably possible for higher aerosol activities
- Updating contingency plans to enable stepping mitigations up and down
- Maintaining capacity and plans for remote teaching for at least the 2021/22 academic year

Guidance:

Avoid printing or e-mailing guidance documents, as the latest versions are always online. Follow the guidance that most closely matches the spirit and intention of what you are doing, as trying to comply with more than one guidance document may be impossible.

Schools and education

Music Mark: [Music Unlocked - 21/22 all UK edition](#)

DfE: [Schools Covid-19 operational guidance](#) (updated 19th January)

DfE: [Out-of-schools settings guidance](#) (updated 19th January)

Adult groups:

Making Music: [Can my group get back to in-person activities?](#) (scroll to bottom and click through)

DCMS: [Performing Arts guidance](#) (updated 27th January)