

# England supplement

## Music Unlocked

England is locked down until February half-term. Schools are open to vulnerable children and children of key workers but are closed to all other pupils until 22nd February.

Note: the DfE's main guidance documents have not yet been updated so this advice is provisional.

### You can:

- Go into schools to teach children who are present
- Deliver and support musical activity in childcare settings in line with existing risk assessments
- Teach all instruments and voice online to individuals and small groups
- Run classes, rehearsals and performances online

### You cannot:

- Teach face-to-face to children who are not eligible to attend school
- Run extra-curricular activities for children who are not attending school or which entail additional travel and contact

### We recommend:

- Social distancing as far as reasonably possible, even within bubbles, for singing and playing mouth-blown instruments
  - note however that there is no need for additional distancing for instruments like drums, guitars and strings that do not raise aerosol above background levels
- That adults distance both from each other and from pupils as much as possible, and that visiting teachers maintain minimum 2m distancing at all times
- Bearing in mind that the adults in the room will usually be the most vulnerable to Covid-19

### 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.

### National lockdown: Stay at Home

Cabinet Office: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

## Schools and education

Music Mark: [Music Unlocked](#)

DfE: [Guidance for full opening: schools](#) or [Guidance for full opening: special schools](#)

DfE: [Out of School Settings \(OOSS\) guidance](#) (this will apply to your extra-curricular activity)

## Adult groups:

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

DCMS: [Performing arts guidance](#) (referred to in the schools' guidance but mostly not applicable)

PHE: [Suggested principles of safer singing](#) (for information: not aimed at children's activity)