



Wales Supplement

1st February 2022

All of Wales is at [alert level 0](#). There are no limits on the number of people who can gather. Masks should be worn by staff, visitors and secondary-age children indoors if physical distance cannot be maintained. Music is not directly mentioned anywhere, however there is a clear statement that “Areas such as the creative arts should not be lost” in the [Guidance on learning in schools and settings: Coronavirus](#).

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)
- Resume supervised children’s activities with no limits on numbers, although numbers should be appropriate to the space available ([School operations](#) – Can supervised children’s activities take place?)
- Welcome peripatetic (visiting) teachers into school (they are mentioned in the [Regular testing](#) section)
- Mix groups freely ([School operations](#) “schools are not advised to maintain contact groups”)
- Run concerts and performances with live audiences, subject to risk assessment ([School contact tracing](#) – it’s actually four paragraphs above this link – Can schools hold events such as concerts and fairs?)
- Offer educational visits, subject to risk assessment (ibid. The Welsh Government website also links to <https://oeapng.info> (in English only))

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)
- Run larger groups, and mix groups, although this should still be done with caution ([2. Substitution](#) – Manage contacts)
- Run educational day visits within Wales, although travel time should be minimised ([2. Substitution](#) – Taking trips outside the setting; this section also links to <https://oeapng.info> (in English only))
- Welcome essential visitors only ([2. Substitution](#) – Visitors)

You cannot:

There are no activities that are restricted at this time. **This includes any and all activities which may have been restricted at any time since March 2020.**

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 to ensure good ventilation
- Limiting contacts and maintaining social distancing in line with alert level 0
- Teaching outdoors whenever possible ([2. Substitution](#))
- Updating contingency plans to enable stepping mitigations up and down
- Maintaining capacity and plans for remote teaching for at least the 21/22 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](#)

WG: [Schools coronavirus \(Covid-19\) operational guidance](#) (updated 26th January)

WG: [Guidance on learning in schools and settings: Coronavirus](#) (updated 15th January)

WG: [Childcare and playwork](#) (updated 21st December)

Adult groups:

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