



# Wales supplement

## Music Unlocked

The Welsh Government's guidance on learning in the autumn term states that schools should teach creative subjects as part of a broad and balanced curriculum but otherwise provides very little guidance specific to music, either for schools or for providers working with children and young people. If an activity is not mentioned in the guidance, then you can usually still do it, as long as you have carried out a thorough risk assessment which addresses both the activity and the space(s) in which it will take place.

At the time of writing, the schools' guidance has not been updated since the whole of Wales went into tier 4 on 20<sup>th</sup> December and music is not mentioned even obliquely in the [alert levels document](#).

Note that face coverings are required for visitors in schools.

### You can:

- Sing in school (nothing in the guidance forbids this)
- Play any instruments, or any combination of instruments, in school (nothing forbids this either)
- Welcome visiting teachers into schools (and they can visit more than one school per day)
- Allow visiting teachers to teach different classes and extra-curricular groups
- Share resources between classes or groups with suitable cleaning or quarantine arrangements
- Run extra-curricular clubs in schools, keeping pupils in small, consistent groups
- Run music centres and county/borough ensembles (surprisingly, although again, nothing in the guidance forbids this)

### You cannot:

- Perform to a live audience
  - Although the guidance does not actually say this, theatres and concert halls must remain closed, so live performances in schools would be against the spirit of this measure

### We recommend:

- Social distancing as far as reasonably possible, even within class groups, for singing and playing wind-blown instruments but note 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.

## Schools and education:

Music Mark: [Music Unlocked](#)

WG: [Operational guidance for schools from the autumn term](#)

WG: [Guidance on learning in schools from the autumn term](#)

WG: [Keep childcare safe](#) (includes guidance on distancing)

## Adult groups:

WG: [Performing arts guidance](#) (also applies to school performances)

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