



Wales Supplement

9th December 2021

All of Wales is at [alert level 0](#). There are no limits on the number of people who can gather. Masks are not required in schools but are encouraged in communal areas and schools. Schools may require visitors to wear masks. Social distancing should be maintained as much as possible. 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:

- Resume all musical activity in the classroom, as it happened up to March 2020 (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 [Testing](#) section of the school operations guidance)
- 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 operations](#) – it’s actually the paragraph immediately above this link)
- Offer educational visits, subject to risk assessment ([School operations](#) – ditto – and the Welsh Government website also links to <https://oeapng.info> (in English only))

In out-of-school settings you can:

- Run all musical activities as you did up to March 2020 (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)
- 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 during the last eighteen months.**

We recommend:

- Reviewing your risk assessments for each activity and venue or space
- Limiting contacts and maintaining social distancing in line with alert level 0
- Teaching outdoors whenever possible ([2. Substitution](#))
- Continuing to match numbers carefully to spaces to ensure good ventilation
- Maintaining enhanced hand hygiene and cleaning regimes
- 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 30th November)

WG: [Childcare and playwork](#) (updated 10th November)

Adult groups:

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