



# Music Unlocked – all UK advice

Actions in the latest wave of infections (summer 2022)

Infection rates in the UK are approaching record levels and the R number appears to be slightly above one, which means that infections are increasing. The current dominant strains are infecting fully vaccinated and previously infected people. Existing immunity appears however to reduce the severity of outcomes in healthy people. Overall, mortality is now similar to influenza, although most people are less unwell and for less time than with a dose of 'flu.

## You can

do *everything* you did before the pandemic (this list is not exhaustive):

- Teach music, play blown instruments and sing indoors in groups of any size;
- Offer co-curricular and extra-curricular ensembles and choirs;
  - And mix children from different classes and schools in these;
- Use instruments, equipment and printed resources;
- Perform to live audiences;
- Welcome teachers, tutors, artists and parents into school;
- Welcome children from other schools (e.g. for projects and performances);
- Run external lettings to music groups (e.g. for music service ensembles, adult groups, concerts);
- Run educational trips including residential in the UK and abroad.

## You cannot

There are no restrictions in any part of the UK at the time of writing.

## We recommend

Note that the greatest infection risk remains bio-aerosols in the air and the most important mitigations are unchanged:

- Match the size of group to the space to avoid over-occupancy;
- Ventilate the space as best as you can, preferring fresh air ventilation over recirculating systems.

You may also, according to your risk assessments:

- Maintain enhanced levels of hand hygiene and cleaning of equipment and spaces;
- Allow additional space (if you can) for higher-aerosol activities;
- Limit the length of exposure and allow air to refresh in spaces between groups;
- Minimise sharing of equipment and resources.

These are **recommendations** and are not current government guidance in any part of the UK.

As long as masking and asymptomatic testing are not required or recommended by national governments, they should not be referenced in risk mitigation in most circumstances. Exceptions may include some special schools and clinical settings like education services in hospitals.