Services For Education – A Response to the DfE Guidance, July 2nd 2020: Guidance for full opening: Schools July 2020

This guidance has been approved by

Birmingham City Council – Public Health Department

This document sets out how Services For Education, Music Service will support schools in September 2020. In the recent guidance published by the Department for Education, it clearly states that 'Schools can continue to engage supply teachers and other supply staff during this period' and that 'Supply staff and other temporary workers can move between schools, but school leaders will want to consider how to minimise the number of visitors to the school where possible. Where it is necessary to use supply staff and to welcome visitors to the school such as peripatetic teachers, those individuals will be expected to comply with the school's arrangements for managing and minimising risk, including taking particular care to maintain distance from other staff pupils' https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirusoutbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools

We will work with you and your staff and will be happy to bespoke our offer to your requirements. We know that the creative arts has an enormous impact on the wellbeing and mental health of children. We want to work with you on providing that broad and balanced curriculum. We know that the first few weeks of term will be uncertain for many schools and indeed for parents and carers. The more we can do to work with you then the more confident parents and carers will be thus providing yourselves with an easier start to the year.

Our message is simple, we will follow strict guidelines set out by DfE, Arts Council and Music Mark. SFE have met weekly with representatives from all three since the start of lockdown to make sure that what we are doing is both correct and safe. We will follow risk assessments set out by each school and will be thoroughly professional in our duties.

Our staff will be taken through a series of training days in September to give them the confidence they need to return to schools. We will be sharing our risk assessments and making sure every part of our delivery has been covered to minimise any possible infection. We will support our staff by providing them with the correct equipment they need whether it be hand sanitiser, chlorhexidine wipes or other certain PPE required to deliver music education in your school.

There will be many year 4 WCIT instruments that will need to be cleaned, sterilised and prepared for the new year 4 pupils to learn on. We will be giving our staff time to undertake this role in the first few weeks of September. WCIT (Whole Class Instrumental teaching) and CMS (Classroom Music Support/EYKS/KS1 & KS2) plays an enormous part of what we do in the Music Service and due to the very nature of teaching 30 children the 'how to' is simply not safe to do. Therefore, for all WCIT schools, our staff will be on site to teach music to the children from week beginning September 7th. We will not be using the class sets of instruments for the first 7 weeks (unless guidance changes). Whole class instruments will be issued after the autumn half term following a revised risk assessment. We have prepared a suite of 7 pre-recordings for our staff to use face to face with the children along with a scheme of work that prepares them for when they receive their instrument. Singing will be replaced with humming and 'soft voice' work.

For schools that have 1:1 and small group teaching we will be starting our teaching in the week commencing September 7th. Provided below is a detailed explanation of how SFE will be delivering our offer. Our staff will need to work very closely with you to make sure that group lessons involve those children from the same bubble. We will need to be creative with our groupings in some settingsOnce in school our staff will not be walking around fetching pupils, therefore minimising the risk of coming into contact with other adults/children. Regular hand washing and sanitising will be a must. Where possible we will leave doors and windows open to ventilate the practice rooms and appropraite time can be structured between lessons to enable ventilation of the rooms. Where we teach pupils with

additional needs then we will communicate with you and take advice from your staff/SENCO as to how we might be able to support these pupils so they can have the same level of provision safely.

For those special schools we work in we would like to continue our provision face to face with you as we know how important music can be on the children's health and wellbeing. Many of our staff work with electronic equipment and class based percussion and we would be in a position to continue this work making sure instruments and equipment was wiped down at the end of sessions.

If there is a rise in the local R rate and Birmingham schools are closed down then we will move swiftly and once again take all our delivery online. For the summer term we have been delivering extremely successful 1:1 and group lessons online. We would look at implementing this straight away and with your permission would want this to be a smooth transition. We would expect all pupils to be able to access these lessons depending on their home situation. We developed an incredibly safe method and have been a leading service on the national scene for schools engaged with and progression.

For some of you we run your ensembles/choirs. We can still do this so long as the rehearsal takes place in a large room/hall with no more than 15 pupils at a given time.

Our area and central ensembles will not be happening until further guidance and the easing of measures as they are all above 15 pupils.

For those who have our Suzuki violin specialists — we would need to be guided by you as the parents/carers are part of the lessons. We can still deliver these lessons without parents but there might be an opportunity to hold these in a larger space if you wanted parent/carers to attend.

We look forward to working closely with you, ensuring that your children continue to learn music, develop their enthusiasm for the subject - and for some, continue the incredible progress they have made during lockdown.

Thank you for your continued support

Stuart Birnie – Head of Music Service, Services For Education

Services For Education – Reducing the risk and how we aim to deliver music teaching:

Department	SFE Music Service – Departmental Guidance for Schools Whole Class Instrumental Teaching (WCIT)	1:1/Small group Teaching	How we will minimise the risk
Woodwind	 Schools will have access to a suite of 7 x 30 minute prerecordings which are instrument/class music specific. These weekly videos will sit on our Online learning Platform Instruments will not be used in whole class settings for the first half term. Schools may wish to have the teacher present to deliver curriculum music instead of instrumental WCIT. WCIT instruments will be cleaned through the first half term in readiness for November 2nd or sooner if allowed. We will use a selection of Milton, Chlorhexidine wipes or hot soapy water to thoroughly clean Teachers will lead a music session based on the curriculum and spend time on rhythm activity along with listening and questioning Singing in whole class sessions will be replaced with humming and a 'speaking voice' approach to aid the children's learning. On leaving the classroom/designated teaching space, the teacher will wash their hands and apply hand sanitiser. 	 1:1 and small group lessons will be organised in discussion with the Music lead Safe distancing measures will be carried out. Pupils will stand for their lessons (apart from bass clarinet), not having to touch chairs, unless the pupil requires one The size of the practice room will determine the size of the group. Where possible, the room should have ventilation. If not, then the door should be opened to allow ventilation throughout the period. A change over period between lessons should be strictly monitored allowing time for the room to be ventilated (2 mins) 1:1 lessons: The member of staff will stand to the side of the pupil – required social distance. In the case of the flute – the required distance to stand to the side is .8m or 2m in front of pupil Small Group lessons: pupils will be taught in the same class/year group bubbles. Group sizes will be decided on given the surroundings of the room provided On finishing the lesson, the pupils will wash their hands before returning to their classroom. 	 Music Service staff will not be fetching pupils for instrumental/vocal lessons from their classrooms. This will reduce the need to walk around the school, avoiding unnecessary contact with others. With being a 'blown' instrument, there is a risk of infection. Making sure lessons happen in a well ventilated room reduces the risk. Safe distances will be applied as mentioned in small group/individual section. No physical contact from teacher to pupil will be made. Teacher explanation will have to be paramount. If a pupil's instrument needs attention then the use of chlorhexidine wipes or disposable gloves will be used before passing the instrument back to the pupil. The pupil will be responsible to write in their own practice diary (pens/pencils will not be shared) Music and copies of music will not be shared or handled. The pupil will be responsible for touching their own music. If new music is required, then music can be emailed to the parent/carer to print off at home. Or if the schools allows – can be printed off in school. The teacher can provide their music for the duration of the lesson so long as the pupil does not handle it. The same would be applied for iPads.

Brass	Schools will have access to a suite of 7 x 30 minute pre-	• 1:1 and small group lessons will be	 There will be no need to ask pupils to blow 'fortissimo' (very loud). Measures will be taken to minimise demonstration by the teacher when talking about airflow and speed of air, which can be a requirement when discussing range on the instrument. A woodwind 'pull through' will not be used by the pupil or the teacher in the lesson Music stands will only be handled/altered by staff Music Service staff will not be fetching
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		On finishing the lesson, the pupils will wash their hands before returning to their classroom.	provide their music for the duration of the lesson so long as the pupil does not handle it. The same would be applied for iPads. There will be no need to ask pupils to play 'fortissimo' (very loud). Measures will be taken to minimise demonstration by the teacher when talking about airflow and speed of air, which can be a requirement when discussing range on the instrument. Extra care and attention will be made when releasing water vapour from instruments — We suggest that pupils do this outside of the practice room onto a paper towel and dispose of in a bin and then wash their hands The use of practice mutes will not be allowed at any time on school sites. Practice mutes, though they quieten the sound, direct air through tiny holes at a faster pace. Music stands will only be handled/altered by staff
Strings	 Schools will have access to a suite of 7 x 30 minute prerecordings which are instrument/class music specific. These weekly videos will sit on our Online learning Platform Instruments will not be used in whole class settings for the first half term. Schools may wish to have the teacher present to deliver curriculum music instead of instrumental WCIT. WCIT instruments will be cleaned through the first half term in readiness for November 2nd or sooner if allowed. We will use a selection of Milton, Chlorhexidine wipes or hot soapy water to thoroughly clean Teachers will lead a music session based on the curriculum and spend time on rhythm activity along with listening and questioning 	 1:1 and small group lessons will be organised in discussion with the Music lead Safe distancing measures will be carried out. Pupils will stand for their lessons (apart from cello/double bass), not having to touch chairs, unless the pupil requires one. The size of the practice room will determine the size of the group. Where possible, the room should have ventilation. If not, then the door should be opened to allow ventilation throughout the period. 	 Music Service staff will not be fetching pupils for instrumental/vocal lessons from their classrooms. This will reduce the need to walk around the school, avoiding unnecessary contact with others. With being a string instrument there is less risk as the instrument is either bowed or plucked Safe distances will be applied as mentioned in small group/individual section. No physical contact from teacher to pupil will be made. Teacher explanation will have to be paramount. There is often the need for a string teacher to 'correct' a

	Singing in whole class sessions will be replaced with humming and a 'speaking voice' approach to aid the children's learning. On leaving the classroom/designated teaching space, the teacher will wash their hands and apply hand sanitiser.	 A change over period between lessons should be strictly monitored allowing time for the room to be ventilated (2 mins) 1:1 lessons: The member of staff will stand to the side of the pupil – required social distance. If there is a need to stand face on, then a distance of 2m must be adhered to. Small Group lessons: pupils will be taught in the same class/year group bubbles. Group sizes will be decided on given the surroundings of the room provided On finishing the lesson, the pupils will wash their hands before returning to their classroom. 	 child's posture. This will have to be done by showing and explanation only. If a pupil's instrument needs attention then the use of chlorhexidine wipes or disposable gloves will be used before passing the instrument back to the pupil. It is extremely common for the teacher to tune the instrument at the start of the lesson. This can be done safely and from the required distance. It is also common for a string teacher to apply rosin to the bow. This will have to be done by the pupil (if they have their own). If they do not, then the teacher will apply rosin using a chlorhexidine wipe. The pupil will be responsible to write in their own practice diary (pens/pencils will not be shared) Music and copies of music will not be shared or handled. The pupil will be responsible for touching their own music. If new music is required, then music can be emailed to the parent/carer to print off at home. Or if the schools allows – can be printed off in school. The teacher can provide their music for the duration of the lesson so long as the pupil does not handle it. The same would be applied for iPads. Music stands will only be handled/altered by staff
Vocal	 Schools will have access to a suite of 7 x 30 minute prerecordings which are instrument/class music specific. These weekly videos will sit on our Online learning Platform Class based musical instruments (percussion trolley) will not be used in whole class settings for the first half term. Schools may wish to have the teacher present to deliver curriculum music. 	 1:1 and small group lessons will be organised in discussion with the Music lead Safe distancing measures will be carried out. Pupils will stand for their lessons not having to touch chairs, unless the pupil requires one 	 Music Service staff will not be fetching pupils for instrumental/vocal lessons from their classrooms. This will reduce the need to walk around the school, avoiding unnecessary contact with others. Vocal lessons can be delivered safely. Making sure lessons happen in a well ventilated room reduces the risk. To also

- Teachers will lead a music session based on the curriculum and spend time on rhythm activity along with listening and questioning
- Singing in whole class sessions will be replaced with humming and a 'speaking voice' approach to aid the children's learning.
- On leaving the classroom/designated teaching space, the teacher will wash their hands and apply hand sanitiser.
- The size of the practice room will determine the size of the group. Where possible, the room should have ventilation. If not, then the door should be opened to allow ventilation throughout the period.
- A change over period between lessons should be strictly monitored allowing time for the room to be ventilated (2 mins)
- 1:1 lessons: The member of staff will stand to the side of the pupil – required social distance.
- Small Group lessons: pupils will be taught in the same class/year group bubbles. Group sizes will be decided on given the surroundings of the room provided. Pupils may be asked to stand back to back when singing.
- On finishing the lesson, the pupils will wash their hands before returning to their classroom.

- reduce the time spent singing and give more time to explanation and the 'how' will help. Asking pupils to stand back to back and the teacher keeping their distance will all contribute. SFE will provide face shields for vocal staff to use when they have to demonstrate in lessons, though these should not be worn throughout the lesson
- Safe distances will be applied as mentioned in small group/individual section.
- No physical contact from teacher to pupil will be made. Teacher explanation will have to be paramount.
- The pupil will be responsible to write in their own practice diary (pens/pencils will not be shared)
- Music and copies of music will not be shared or handled. The pupil will be responsible for touching their own music. If new music is required, then music can be emailed to the parent/carer to print off at home. Or if the schools allows – can be printed off in school. The teacher can provide their music for the duration of the lesson so long as the pupil does not handle it. The same would be applied for iPads.
- There will be no need to ask pupils to sing 'fortissimo' (very loud). Measures will be taken to minimise demonstration by the teacher when talking about airflow and speed of air, which can be a requirement when discussing range on the instrument. As mentioned above, face shields will be provided
- Music stands will only be handled/altered by staff

Keyboard Schools will have access to a suite of 7 x 30 minute pre-1:1 and small group lessons will be The keyboard/piano keys/controls will be organised in discussion with the Music recordings which are instrument/class music specific. wiped down using chlorhexidine wipes in These weekly videos will sit on our Online learning between each lesson lead Platform Safe distancing measures will be carried Music Service staff will not be fetching Instruments will not be used in whole class settings for out. Pupils will be required to sit to a pupils for instrumental/vocal lessons from the first half term. Schools may wish to have the teacher piano/keyboard for their lesson. The their classrooms. This will reduce the need present to deliver curriculum music instead of teacher will need to place themselves to walk around the school, avoiding instrumental WCIT. where needed to see the pupil's hands unnecessary contact with others. on the keyboard. This can be done from WCIT instruments will be cleaned through the first half Safe distances will be applied as mentioned a safe distance to the side. term in readiness for November 2nd or sooner if allowed. in small group/individual section. We will use a selection of Milton, Chlorhexidine wipes or The size of the practice room will No physical contact from teacher to pupil hot soapy water to thoroughly clean determine the size of the group. Where will be made. Teacher explanation will possible, the room should have • Teachers will lead a music session based on the curriculum have to be paramount. ventilation. If not, then the door should and spend time on rhythm activity along with listening and The pupil will be responsible to write in be opened to allow ventilation questioning their own practice diary (pens/pencils will throughout the period. Singing in whole class sessions will be replaced with not be shared) A change over period between lessons humming and a 'speaking voice' approach to aid the Music and copies of music will not be should be strictly monitored allowing children's learning. shared or handled. The pupil will be time for the room to be ventilated (2 • On leaving the classroom/designated teaching space, the responsible for touching their own music. If mins) teacher will wash their hands and apply hand sanitiser. new music is required, then music can be 1:1 lessons: The member of staff will emailed to the parent/carer to print off at stand/sit to the side of the pupil home. Or if the schools allows - can be required social distance. printed off in school. The teacher can Small Group lessons: pupils will be provide their music for the duration of the lesson so long as the pupil does not handle taught in the same class/year group bubbles. Group sizes will be decided on it. The same would be applied for iPads. given the surroundings of the room Should the teacher need to demonstrate to provided the pupil/pupils then they need to have On finishing the lesson, the pupils will their own keyboard or piano. The teacher wash their hands before returning to will not be placing their hands on the their classroom. keyboard that the child is learning on All the above applies to the accordion teaching too. Music stands will only be handled/altered by staff Music Service staff will not be fetching Guitar/Ukulele Schools will have access to a suite of 7 x 30 minute pre-1:1 and small group lessons will be pupils for instrumental/vocal lessons from recordings which are instrument/class music specific. organised in discussion with the Music **Electric Guitar** their classrooms. This will reduce the need lead

- These weekly videos will sit on our Online learning Platform
- Instruments will not be used in whole class settings for the first half term. Schools may wish to have the teacher present to deliver curriculum music instead of instrumental WCIT.
- WCIT instruments will be cleaned through the first half term in readiness for November 2nd or sooner if allowed.
 We will use a selection of Milton, Chlorhexidine wipes or hot soapy water to thoroughly clean
- Teachers will lead a music session based on the curriculum and spend time on rhythm activity along with listening and questioning
- Singing in whole class sessions will be replaced with humming and a 'speaking voice' approach to aid the children's learning.
- On leaving the classroom/designated teaching space, the teacher will wash their hands and apply hand sanitiser.

- Safe distancing measures will be carried out. Pupils will be required to sit down for their lesson but advised not to move the chairs
- The size of the practice room will determine the size of the group. Where possible, the room should have ventilation. If not, then the door should be opened to allow ventilation throughout the period.
- A change over period between lessons should be strictly monitored allowing time for the room to be ventilated (2 mins)
- 1:1 lessons: The member of staff will sit to the side of the pupil – required social distance.
- Small Group lessons: pupils will be taught in the same class/year group bubbles. Group sizes will be decided on given the surroundings of the room provided. If there is not enough room for the member of staff to sit side on then it is permitted for them to stand/sit face on from a distance of 2m.
- On finishing the lesson, the pupils will wash their hands before returning to their classroom.

- to walk around the school, avoiding unnecessary contact with others.
- It is common in some schools for pupils to share guitars/ukulele. Wherever possible, the student must bring their instrument from home to the lesson. Should pupils need to share then a vigorous clean of the strings and fret board would need to take place between lessons using chlorhexidine wipes.
- Safe distances will be applied as mentioned in small group/individual section.
- No physical contact from teacher to pupil will be made. Teacher explanation will have to be paramount. There is often the need for a guitar teacher to 'correct' a child's posture. This will have to be done by showing and explanation only.
- If a pupil's instrument needs attention then the use of chlorhexidine wipes or disposable gloves will be used before passing the instrument back to the pupil. It is extremely common for the teacher to tune the instrument at the start of the lesson. This can be done safely and from the required distance.
- The pupil will be responsible to write in their own practice diary (pens/pencils will not be shared)
- Music and copies of music will not be shared or handled. The pupil will be responsible for touching their own music. If new music is required, then music can be emailed to the parent/carer to print off at home. Or if the schools allows – can be printed off in school. The teacher can provide their music for the duration of the lesson so long as the pupil does not handle it. The same would be applied for iPads.

Where there are guitar amps being used, it is important for the teacher to be the person handling the equipment and not the child. Guitar leads are often shared and teachers will wipe the jag plugs between each lesson. Music stands will only be handled/altered by staff Percussion & Schools will have access to a suite of 7 x 30 minute pre-1:1 and small group lessons will be Percussion sticks (if shared) will be wiped recordings which are instrument/class music specific. organised in discussion with the Music World down using chlorhexidine wipes in These weekly videos will sit on our Online learning lead between each lesson. The Music Service will be providing 250 new drum pad and Platform Safe distancing measures will be carried stick sets for pupils to use at home. These Instruments will not be used in whole class settings for out. Pupils will be required to sit down will be collected by parents/carers from the first half term. Schools may wish to have the teacher for some percussion instruments and SFE's HQ. present to deliver curriculum music instead of therefore would be advised not to instrumental WCIT. handle the chairs Music Service staff will not be fetching pupils for instrumental/vocal lessons from WCIT instruments will be cleaned through the first half • The size of the practice room will their classrooms. This will reduce the need term in readiness for November 2nd or sooner if allowed. determine the size of the group. Where to walk around the school, avoiding We will use a selection of Milton, Chlorhexidine wipes or possible, the room should have unnecessary contact with others.. hot soapy water to thoroughly clean ventilation. If not, then the door should be opened to allow ventilation Safe distances will be applied as mentioned Teachers will lead a music session based on the curriculum throughout the period. in small group/individual section. and spend time on rhythm activity along with listening and questioning A change over period between lessons Teachers will need to demonstrate as part should be strictly monitored allowing of the lesson. The teacher will never use the • Singing in whole class sessions will be replaced with time for the room to be ventilated (2 same sticks as the pupil. It is very safe for humming and a 'speaking voice' approach to aid the mins) the teacher to play on the same instrument children's learning. as the pupil so long as the correct 1:1 lessons: The member of staff will On leaving the classroom/designated teaching space, the distancing is adhered to stand to the side of the pupil – required teacher will wash their hands and apply hand sanitiser. social distance No physical contact from teacher to pupil will be made. Teacher explanation will Small Group lessons: pupils will be have to be paramount. taught in the same class/year group bubbles. Group sizes will be decided on If a pupil's instrument needs attention then given the surroundings of the room the use of chlorhexidine wipes or provided disposable gloves will be used before passing the instrument back to the pupil. On finishing the lesson, the pupils will wash their hands before returning to their classroom.

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