

# The importance of music during the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond – guidance for parents/carers

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The Covid-19 pandemic presents huge challenges to all of us. Lockdowns have had a dramatic impact on the lives of children and young people and their families.

But music is an important part of children and young people's lives.

## Did you know that music can:

- increase confidence and self-esteem
- improve health and wellbeing
- provide important life and social skills
- develop creativity and self-expression
- improve cognition, literacy and numeracy
- be the key to unlocking potential

We estimate that 900 – 1200 fewer school pupils (approx. 25%) have received instrumental / vocal tuition from our Associates during the pandemic. Make sure that your child isn't missing out.

The pandemic has meant that music tuition is sometimes delivered differently, for example, via online lessons. But tuition is still available. You can find out who's offering what [here](#).

Read on to find out what else you can do to ensure that your child doesn't miss out on music.

[#DontDropMusic](#)



# What you can do:

## Stay involved in our campaign

- **Use social media** and share / retweet / favourite / like any posts with the 'campaign' **#DontDropMusic**
- **If we all do it then it creates momentum!**
- **Share our film promoting availability of Associates for schools & pupils** to colleagues, families and pupils.
- **Register for our bulletins here.**

## Communicate with your child's school and music providers

- **Tell your school and tutors that you (still) want tuition and music.**
- **If you don't have suitable technology or broadband for online home tuition** let your school and tutor know – they may be able to suggest alternatives, for example hosting online tuition at school. We have **tablets available to loan to pupils** in need if they are taught by one of our Associates.
- **If your child is starting a new school, make sure you ask the school about its music provision.**
- **Don't assume that your child won't be able to take up tuition** because of Covid-19 or cost.

## Request support with costs

**If your child is really keen to take up or continue tuition with one of our Associate tutors but you're worried about costs**, you can ask your school to request some subsidy from us towards the cost of lessons (and also of instrument hire) – we have a limited amount available but **please ask**.

## Pupil safety

We have provided all of our Associate tutors with **online Safeguarding guidance**. So, do ask your tutor(s) about the safety of online tuition and the measures they (or the school) have in place. You may be required to sign an agreement.

## Protect a highly skilled workforce

- **Our Associate tutors are quality assured, safeguarded and highly skilled professionals.**  
Their offers are listed **here** and more info on Associate status is **here**.
- Please don't expect tutors to work for less money. Teaching online requires just as much expertise and planning (if not more).

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