

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

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The Covid-19 pandemic presents huge challenges to all of us. Lockdown has had a dramatic impact on the lives of children and young people, and we understand that families are under a huge amount of pressure as are schools and all businesses.

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

A lot of music tuition has been available since the start of lockdown and will still be available whenever and however pupils return to school. This will include online provision. You can find out about who's offering what [here](#)

Please, don't assume that your child won't be able to take up tuition because of Covid-19 or cost.

This guidance sheet sets out some of the key things that you can do to ensure your child doesn't miss out on music.

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What you can do:

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.

If your child is starting a new school, make sure you ask the school about its music provision.

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Get 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 new film promoting availability of Associates for schools & pupils to colleagues, families and pupils. [Watch the film here](#)

Register for our bulletins [here](#)

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**

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 start working for less money. Teaching online requires just as much expertise and planning (if not more).

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.

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