

## Guidance for schools and specialist education settings hosting Live Music Now sessions (Updated October 2021)

Live Music Now (LMN) has resumed delivery of music sessions in schools. Our musicians will comply with school protocol for visitors and follow LMN's current risk assessment which includes LMN musicians wearing a face covering whilst moving around the school.

### **Live Music Now Concerts** (length: 30 – 55 minutes)

- ✓ Choose a space which is well ventilated eg school hall.
- ✓ We recommend a max of 50-60 pupils per concert, depending on students' access requirements, size of LMN group performing and size of the performance space. We can deliver 2 or 3 shorter concerts (30 minutes) to reach more pupils. Concerts can also be live streamed.
- ✓ Pupils may respond spontaneously to music by moving, dancing, singing and vocalising. Agree measures beforehand to ensure everyone remains safe during the performance. For example:
  - Ensure there is space available for pupils to move and dance safely, without moving into the musicians' performance area
  - Consider placing a discreet physical barrier (such as a bench) to stop pupils from approaching the performers
  - Have enough staff present to support pupils' safe participation and engagement in the concert
  - Discuss with the musicians about logistics of moving around the room at certain points in the concert to promote pupil engagement

### **Guidance for Live Music Now workshop sessions for small groups**

(length: 30– 45 mins) including “Musicians in Residence” sessions

- ✓ Ensure the classroom is well ventilated (keep the door open if necessary).
- ✓ Arrange a safe space for musicians to leave their instrument cases
- ✓ Discuss management of classroom instruments, with attention to hand hygiene when using shared instruments
- ✓ Musicians to email a session outline beforehand to aid staff preparation and brief staff verbally before the session starts
- ✓ Classroom staff can support pupil participation by demonstrating and leading activities with individual pupils, guided by the musicians

### **We ask schools to:**

1. Provide an adequate and well-ventilated space/classroom/hall for sessions and support with the agreed set-up of the space.
2. Brief the musicians about the needs of pupils they will be working with to promote engagement.
3. Ensure adequate staff in sessions to support pupil participation in musical activities.
4. Ensure shared instruments and equipment are cleaned in accordance with school guidance.
5. Keep LMN Musicians-in-Residence up to date with any additional measures and expectations for safe delivery of music sessions.

### **Live Music Now musicians will:**

1. Follow LMN risk assessment and school guidance for visitors.
2. Communicate clearly with school staff to plan and deliver safe music sessions.
3. Complete an [on-site dynamic risk assessment](#) on arrival at the school.

If you have any other questions, please do get in touch with us: [schools@livemusicnow.org.uk](mailto:schools@livemusicnow.org.uk)

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