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IMS COVID-19 Teacher Guidelines

Rationale:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following guidance (as well as any school-specific guidance) is to be observed by IMS tutors carrying out teaching upon school premises.

IMS teachers should:

- monitor their own temperature before travelling to schools, and to advise IMS and the school if 37.8C or greater is recorded, then obtain a test and keep IMS informed
- be prepared to wear a mask upon entry to the school or in any given area, if requested to by the school (although this is not expected when teaching)
- wash hands using sanitiser upon arrival at school, and after signing in at reception proceed to the music room where the lessons will happen in order to limit movement around school
- open windows & doors to promote good ventilation (or use a suitable outside space if more appropriate for the school)
- clean the instrument which is going to be used (piano, drums/keyboard etc) with sanitiser before the first lessons begin
- ensure students who will be attending lessons are organised into year group order, for example year 7 students one after another - this is to maintain where possible the year group bubbles
- if teaching a pair, to ensure that both pupils are from the same bubble, however, individual tuition should be the preference and groups avoided wherever possible.
- ensure that students, upon arrival at the lesson, wash their hands with sanitiser
- maintain social distancing throughout each lesson; 2 meters distance must be observed from arrival to departure (in the case of woodwind, brass or singing, this should be 3 meters)
- ensure the students again use the hand sanitizer on leaving and follow the one-way system and return to their classroom or year group bubble
- clean the instrument again with sanitiser, prior to the next student entering the room (scheduling 5 minutes in between lessons can be helpful).
- not change lesson times or groupings unless this is a necessary and permanent change
- keep movement around the school to a minimum. If collecting children for their lesson, ensure that the school's safety requirements are followed (one way systems etc..)
- once the lessons have finished for the day, clean the instruments again, and once signed out, leave the school site to limit contact time and reduce the risk of being on school grounds
- abide by any other COVID-19 safety requirements as set out by the school
- above all, continue to ensure that students feel happy and enjoy their music lessons in a safe space in school