

SWINDON MUSIC SERVICE

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Supporting musical activity for schools - Turning challenges into opportunities

Where we can **Swindon Music Service** is providing alternative forms of service, including resources, <https://smscio.org/schools/musical-activities-for-schools/> online tuition and continuing dialogue with music coordinators. We are open to suggestions from schools as to how we might continue to support you during this difficult time.

Music Education Recovery Plan

Guidance: Music for wellbeing

Swindon Music Service is here to work with all schools through our existing resources, support programmes, and our strong networks of partners (***Click the picture to download word or pdf copy***)

Music Education Recovery Curriculum Guidance: Music for wellbeing Helping children recover from the consequences of Covid-19 and emotional impact of societal changes			
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We stand firmly with all schools and school leaders as they manage a unique and challenging situation brought about by Covid-19. **Swindon Music Service** is a music-specific service focused on high-quality outcomes inclusive of all learners. It recognises the numerous benefits that music can bring to everyone from all backgrounds and in all circumstances. Now, more so than ever, we believe that all pupils should be actively encouraged to engage in a curriculum offer which is rich in musical, creative and artistic learning, enabling opportunities for students to explore and express their emotions in non-verbal settings. ***To read more click the link*** (NB: All music activities should follow Government and PHE Guidance in response to Covid-19 safe practice guidelines).

How we will deliver the Christmas Voice Festival for 2020

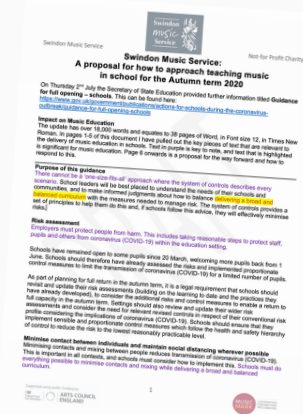
It is highly unlikely that theatres will be open for live performances this year. Therefore, to ensure the children still have the opportunity to get involved, we will be hosting and performing a Virtual Big Christmas Festival. (***Click the picture to watch the promo***)

How will this work?

- INSET will be provided to teaching staff through a live webinar.
- Live classroom singing assemblies covering the repertoire with Lynn.
- Opportunities for schools to perform the festival all at the same time (or at a later date if you want).



A proposal for how to approach teaching music in school for the Autumn term 2020



On Thursday 2nd July the Secretary of State Education provided further information titled **Guidance for full opening – schools**. This can be found here: [Click the link](#). In pages 1-5 of this document we have pulled out the key pieces of text that are relevant to the delivery of music education in schools. Text in purple is key to note, and text that is highlighted is significant for music education. Page 6 onwards is a proposal for the way forward and how to respond to this. **(To view this paper click on the picture)**

How can Swindon Music Service deliver its services to you?

Currently, it is acceptable for peripatetic teachers to come in to your school as follows:

- The guidance tells us that: **peripatetic teachers and/or other temporary staff can move between schools**
- Schools should note that there may be an additional risk of infection in environments where you or others are singing, chanting, playing wind or brass instruments or shouting.
- Schools should consider how to reduce the risk, particularly **when pupils are playing instruments or singing** in small groups such as in music lessons. For example, physical distancing and playing outside wherever possible, limiting **group sizes to no more than 15**, positioning pupils back-to-back or side-to-side, avoiding sharing of instruments, and ensuring good ventilation.
- **Detailed DfE guidance will be published shortly.**

As a service, we remain flexible to meet your needs

During the last term of the current academic year our tutors have been busy preparing pre-recorded sessions just in case they cannot visit your school. Through our flexible approach, we have developed a menu of choices to meet your requirements. You can discuss with your tutor a mixture of the following:



- Tutors visit your school to teach groups of 15 pupils
- Pre-recorded sessions to be overseen by school staff (plus the option of a Zoom meeting with the tutor to track progression). This allows more pupils to access the programme (Click on the picture on the right to view the promo).
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We will be providing cleaning of instruments guidance and Risk Assessment templates for schools

Visit our SMS Virtual World for Schools

Swindon Music Service has developed a Virtual World of music-making opportunities for schools and the community. To see more **(To view the page on our website click on the picture)**

