



Info for parents and members on returning to rehearsals

September 2020

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to rehearsals shortly and we have put a number of measures in place to help everyone feel safe to do so.

Most rehearsals will restart as normal in the **week beginning 7th September**. There are likely to be a few exceptions to this due to the current circumstances and details for each group will be sent out by ensemble leaders.

If you are not intending to return to rehearsals for whatever reason then please let us know via email to info@wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk.

Please read this document carefully and follow any guidelines to help us make sure everyone stays safe.

IF YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS DISPLAYING ANY SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH COVID 19, OR YOU HAVE COME INTO CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WITH THE VIRUS, DO NOT ATTEND REHEARSALS FOR AT LEAST 14 DAYS OR UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT.

Arriving at rehearsals

- To minimise the amount of people congregating in communal areas please do not arrive early for rehearsals
- Only one parent/carer per family to drop off/pick up from rehearsals
- Doors to the rehearsal room will be propped open so members can avoid contact with door handles etc.
- All members will be required to sanitise or wash their hands before entry to the rehearsal room (hand sanitiser will be made available)
- Where possible entrance and exit will be through different doors
- When rehearsals are back to back in the same room timings will be altered to allow for cleaning and changeover.

In rehearsals

- All rehearsals will take place following social distancing. Chairs and music stands will be set out 2 meters apart and it will be one person per stand
- Government guidelines state that groups should be limited to 15. Where groups are larger than 15 they will be split and rehearse in two different rooms
- Members will go straight to their seat to get their instrument out and keep their instrument case with them

- Members must use their own instrument at all times. Sharing of instruments will not be permitted (percussionists will need to have their own sticks)
- WYM instruments will not be made available under any circumstances
- The one exception to these rules is shared hand held percussion instruments which may be used by more than one person but will be sanitised between each use
- Where there are major tuning or maintenance issues which require staff intervention an area will be available for the member to leave the instrument for staff to attend to and retrieve once sorted (staff must sanitise/wash hands before and after handling instruments)
- **Brass players must provide their own water cloth** to catch condensation ejected from the instrument. They will then be responsible for sanitising the floor where the cloth has been placed (products will be provided for this)
- As far as possible music stands will be used on rotation so that they are left for at least 48/72 hours between use
- Where rehearsals are back to back time will be allowed for chairs and music stands to be sanitised
- In order to allow time for cleaning and to reduce the chances of contact between members we will no longer be having breaks during rehearsals

Parents waiting during rehearsals

- Parents will not be permitted to wait in the rehearsal room
- If social distancing is not possible in communal areas outside the rehearsal room then parents may need to wait elsewhere (e.g. outside or in their car)

Music

- Music will be given out at the start of the rehearsal and collected in at the end. This will mean that it can be left untouched until the next rehearsal which exceeds the 48 hours required by government guidelines
- **NO MUSIC WILL BE TAKEN HOME**
- For practise at home members will either:
 - Be sent the music digitally (where the original is digital or the music has been scanned)
 - Use a mobile phone to take a picture of the music to use/print at home

Registers will be taken at the start of every rehearsal to assist with NHS Track and Trace if necessary.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU CHECK THE CONTACT INFORMATION ON YOUR SUBS FORM IS CORRECT AND EMAIL ANY ALTERATIONS TO info@wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

These guidelines will be under constant review in line with the most up to date government guidance.

We are really looking forward to getting back to making music face to face with you all.