

Music in Schools/Settings: Autumn 2020

Following the announcement of the national lockdown from 5th November for one month, there have been questions asked about music in schools. We can confirm that based on the latest guidance ([here](#)) music, dance and drama can and should be undertaken in school so long as safety precautions are undertaken.

The full opening guidance for schools has not changed and can be viewed [here](#). Therefore, schools can and should continue to deliver music lessons and to engage peripatetic teachers, including staff from Music Hubs; and the guidance highlights that *'all pupils should have access to a quality arts education'*. The caveat is that everything needs to be clearly risk assessed with mitigating and practical measures in place. Each school will take decisions that are best suited to their pupils, the physical buildings, and their community.

To help support the delivery of music, all schools and Early Years settings are encouraged to take advantage of the TBMH's free support that every school/setting can access – network meetings, CPD, resources, and opportunities through our quality-assured partners.

- Information and booking links to digital network meetings and CPD, for schools ([HERE](#))
- Information and booking links to digital network meetings and CPD, for EY settings ([HERE](#))
- Risk Assessments and links to Health & Safety ([HERE](#))
- Music education recovery curriculum framework ([HERE](#))
- Free access to the TBMH Virtual Music School; log in to the website ([HERE](#)) using the following details:
 - Username: schoolsautumn20@tbmh.vms
 - Password: *CGmPeyWb7USX*
- Our interactive SEND-friendly singing resource ([HERE](#))

The Tri-borough Music Hub will continue to support all schools with all aspects of music in the curriculum and can provide peripatetic lessons as well, in person or virtually.

Stuart Whatmore, Head TBMH, 5th November 2020