

# Covid-19 Supplementary Risk Assessment

Singing and music making in Early Years

Owner:	Waltham Forest Music Service		
Consultees:	LBWF Public Health		
Version:	V1		
Date of assessment:	19 Jan 2021	Review date (max 1 yr):	Jan 2022

## Description of activity

Singing as part of class activity and music teaching.

## References to related risk assessments

- Individual settings will align with their own risk assessments or relevant subject-specific assessments

## Existing control measures

	Hazard	Who is at risk?	Control measure(s)	Who is responsible?
1	Airborne transmission	Everyone	Pupils sing within their bubbles and take up the maximum space possible in the room	TEACHER
2	Airborne transmission	Teacher	Teacher to be at least 2m from the nearest pupil.	TEACHER
3	Airborne transmission	Everyone	Singing limited to 30 minutes at one time.	TEACHER
4	Airborne transmission	Everyone	Ventilation: Open doors and windows after singing and ventilate room for at least 15 minutes	TEACHER
5	Airborne transmission	Everyone	Ventilation: sing in a larger room or outdoors	TEACHER
6	Airborne transmission	Staff	Staff maintain minimum 2m social distancing	TEACHER
7	Surface transmission via printed music	Pupils	Songs mainly taught by ear. If required, words are projected.	TEACHER
8	Surface transmission via equipment used for playing backing tracks or accompanying	Teacher	Clean of PC / CD player / piano/keyboard using disinfecting wipes (and any other relevant control measures outlined in whole-school risk assessment)	TEACHER
9	Surface transmission via any percussion instruments used	Everyone	Instruments used by only one child, cleaned with anti-viral wipes after use (and any other relevant control measures outlined in whole-school risk assessment)	Teacher
10	Surface transmission –	Everyone	Government/public health advice is to remove all soft toys, and any toys that are hard to clean	Teacher

	other props/soft toys		<p>Minimising or eliminating use of props in teaching is the safest option</p> <p>Use props that can be easily wiped clean</p> <p>If used, props and toys not to be shared between children in a session</p> <p>If used, props/toys to be wiped clean with disinfectant wipes after use.</p> <p>Props that cannot be easily wiped cleaned (e.g. scarves) should be left for 72 hours after use, before using with another group</p>	
11	Non-compliance	Everyone	<p>Schools / settings MUST follow the latest government guidelines:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing</a>  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing</a></p> <p>Tutors need to adhere to any risk assessment that a setting or school has in place</p>	Teacher

### Initial risk rating

How likely is the activity to result in actual harm (1-5)?	2
How severe would the consequences be (1-5)?	2
<b>Risk rating (likelihood x severity)</b>	<b>4</b>

Likelihood	more	5					
		4					
		3					
		2					
	less	1					
			1	2	3	4	5
			better		worse		
			<b>Severity</b>				

### Additional control measures

	Hazard	Who is at risk?	Control measure(s)	Who is responsible?
1	Airborne transmission	Teacher	Mask and/or screen advisable?	SLT
2	Airborne transmission (vulnerable teacher)	Teacher	State any extra measures if the teacher is more vulnerable (older, underlying health issues).	Teacher
3	Airborne transmission (vulnerable pupils)	Pupil or pupils	State any additional measures required for children with health issues, e.g. asthma	Teacher

## Residual Risk rating

How likely is the activity to result in actual harm (1-5)?	
How severe would the consequences be (1-5)?	
<b>Risk rating (likelihood x severity)</b>	

<b>Likelihood</b>	more	5					
		4					
		3					
		2					
	less	1					
			1	2	3	4	5
		better			worse		
		<b>Severity</b>					

<b>Risk rating:</b>	<b>1-6</b>	Green	Monitor to ensure control measures are implemented consistently and that the rating remains valid.
	<b>8-12</b>	Amber	Try to identify additional controls to reduce the risk. Ensure that control measures are implemented consistently and look to improve by the next review.
	<b>15-25</b>	Red	Cease this activity until additional controls can be put in place to manage the risk.

**Date communicated to staff/volunteers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position:** \_\_\_\_\_