



## Making music safely

**YMM is a family of varying ages, ethnicities and health. It's our collective responsibility to follow guidelines both at YMM and during the week to keep our family safe.** Sadly, the move to step 4 and easing of restrictions does not mean the risk of Covid has disappeared, and YMM will keep some measures in place to ensure we are providing a safe environment for all.

**Before coming to YMM please consider taking a lateral flow on Friday evening, or at least 30-minutes before attending YMM.**

- Tests can be [ordered free online](#) (each pack contains seven tests) and the parcel takes 1 to 2 days to arrive at your home. You can also collect tests from your [local pharmacy](#) or [test site](#) or get tested at the latter. The test result takes 30mins to appear
- **If you test positive** you must [book a PCR test](#), follow the recommendations of test & trace and not come to YMM.

### **DO NOT ATTEND YMM if:**

- you have had a **positive** COVID-19 test within the last two weeks.
- you have experienced any of the following symptoms within the last week:
  - **A temperature above 37.8°C**
  - **A dry persistent cough that has developed during the week**
  - **A loss of taste or smell (anosmia).**

\* Any student with a **suspected** case at YMM will be sent home and must **immediately get a PCR test** and follow the recommendations of test & trace.

\* In the event of a **confirmed** case at YMM, we will proceed with extreme caution in line with the most up to date PHE advice and our risk assessment. NHS Track & Trace may contact you.

**We would strongly encourage you to take a PCR test before attending if you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive.**

### **BEFORE coming to YMM please:**

- **prepare your children.** Communicate the importance of following YMM guidelines which are there to protect us all.
- make sure you and your children are aware of good social distancing and hygiene practices such as washing hands more thoroughly than usual and not touching faces.

## AT YMM

### Cafe

The Bold Café (based in York Rise, NW5) will be running an outdoor café in the courtyard from Saturday 8 January serving hot food and drinks.

We continue to prioritise safe music-making and are not yet able to use the hall space for a cafe and three of our original rooms are no longer viable due to the lack of opening windows. We look forward to welcoming you back indoors once the Covid situation allows.

### While waiting in outdoor areas:

Please respect social distancing measures and that others' needs may be different from your own. There is a covered outdoor area with seating round the back of the library for use during wet weather.

### Arrival / moving around / waiting

- **Wash your hands** on arrival - there are sinks in the courtyard and round by the shed. Sanitiser is also available along the corridors inside.
- **Check where your tutor's room is before you arrive** (maps & tutor room lists are available [on our website](#)) and work out how to get there using our one-way system. Scan the relevant QR code if you need a reminder.

### Masks

- If you are secondary age or above, please **continue to wear a mask** when moving around indoors until you are seated in your lesson or rehearsal.
- If your tutor asks you to keep your mask on for the duration of the lesson, **please be considerate** and follow this request.

### Punctual pick up/drop off

- Please be available to **pick up students five minutes earlier than the advertised end time** so we can ensure we get students out promptly, with a minute spare to clean shared equipment.
- **Drop off on time but not early.**
- Secondary age students should make their own way to lessons.
- One adult per child drop-off/pick-up.

*Tutors will explain and reinforce how students need to behave to keep us all safe, in line with the YMM risk assessment, developed with guidance from the government and other professional publications.*

### STUDENT 'WHAT TO BRING' CHECKLIST

Instrument (we recommend regular cleaning, once every two weeks minimum)

Music stand

Books/sheet music (use of tablets is not advised)

Hand sanitiser

Face mask

Tissues

**WIND & BRASS**

A washable towel with a sealed bag OR a supply of paper towels to vent water keys and spit valves.

**DISCLAIMER:** It is important to stress that while YMM will make every effort to assess and minimise the risk, in-person tuition will never be entirely free of risk of contracting COVID-19 and, by agreeing to in-person lessons, students accept this. Our full risk assessment is available to view on our [website](#).