

COVID-19 Risk Assessment

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About my business:

I provide singing tuition to individual students. At the date of this assessment I have 10 private students. Before the COVID pandemic I taught all students at my home. I have provided some lessons online as an alternative to face-to-face teaching and have provided lessons socially distanced outdoors in my garden. I will offer a blend of mainly face-to-face outdoors and indoors tuition and some online tuition, in accordance with the preferences of my students and subject at all times to the advice, guidance or legislation of the UK government.

How this risk assessment was done

This risk assessment is based on the method and principles of the Health & Safety Executive (HSE)'s COVID-19 risk assessment, including advice about coronavirus and safe working here: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/working-safely/index.htm>. The aim of this risk assessment is to identify how COVID-19 could spread in my teaching environment, and to identify methods to stop the spread of the virus. This assessment reflects any relevant official government guidance for safe working during the pandemic.

I identified hazards by walking around my working space, mapping entry and exit procedures and movement around the building, noting ventilation options within my space, considering cleaning procedures and whether any items are shared, taking note of additional risks associated with singing, and reflecting on how my students would get to my teaching space. I also considered those who may also live in my home, and also what measures to deploy if any COVID symptoms appear in me, my students or any other residents or visitors in my house.

I will update this assessment periodically in light of changes in government guidance or restrictions. More information on managing risk: www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/

Symptoms and lesson cancellation

All students are asked not to attend lessons if they have any symptoms of Covid19: fever, new persistent cough, loss smell/taste.

The usual late cancellation penalty will not apply for cancellation on the day. A remote lesson may be substituted if desired.

I will also undertake to cancel lessons if she or anyone staying in my house displays symptoms. All students will be notified immediately a confirmation of infection of any other student or household member is known.

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Activity	What are the hazards	Who might be harmed & how	Controls	Further actions needed	Who to act	When is action needed
Meeting another student	Contracting corona virus by touch or breathing	Students Visitors Lodger	Timing of gaps between students. Any contact will be outside. All asked to keep distance if meeting oncoming person in passageway	Lesson scheduling with gaps	CB	Planning
Entering the garden for garden lesson or to access lesson in the extension	Getting corona virus by touch	Student Teacher Visitors Lodger	Handles wiped between visitors, hand sanitiser available, hand washing in outside loo available. Music stand wiped before and after lesson Music given out to be newly printed and handled with caution	Teacher to remind students + wipe handles in-between	CB	Each lesson
Entering extension from the garden	Getting corona virus by touch of shared items.	Student Teacher	Door opened by teacher for ventilation before lesson, to remain open whenever possible; gate & door handles to be wiped before/after each student. Barrier curtain in place before each lesson. Hand sanitiser available in space. Music stand/tissue box wiped before/after each lesson Unnecessary items removed from space before each lesson Plastic bags available to remove any used tissues etc.	CB to remind students & wipe surfaces and music stand in-between lessons	CB CB	Each lesson

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During singing lesson	Getting corona virus by touching surface Breathing - Risk of droplets & aerosols Singing producing aerosol of virus, breathing in aerosol	Student Teacher	Door handles, switches, music stand, chair wiped clean antibacterial/viral between students. Music given out to be handled with care Ventilate room before and after each lesson. Keep door open whenever possible. Plastic Screen in place to reduce aerosol sharing between teacher in main room and student in extension. Keep extension door/windows open. Masks (see-through) suggested to reduce aerosol spray. Monitor government guidance and research for changes in guidance. eg. Quiet singing safer than loud.	Room may become cold - turn on oil radiator Screen to be in place well before use, to remain 2-3 hours in place CB to model mask Remote teaching offered as alternative	CB CB CB CB	each lesson
Using toilet (outside loo only)	Touch, breathing	Student, teacher Visitors	Clean prior to teaching sessions and between any use	Discourage use	CB	each session and as necessary
Travel	Spreading virus	Student, others	Suggest walking and cycling		Student	
Payment	Contract virus by touch	Student teacher	suggest payment by bank transfer	Keep round number fee to avoid change.	CB & student	
Cleaning (no covid exposure)	contract by touch or breathing	Teacher	Ventilate room, wait, wipe all surfaces wait before drawing screen back, use gloves & mask as appropriate	Take care touching screen	CB	
Cleaning - covid exposure	contract by touch or breathing	Teacher	Close/ lock whole room 72 hours	Alert any student coming after exposure	CB & student	Update Contact info regularly