

Sarah Bowe – Risk Assessment (RA) Focus – risks of returning to face to face instrumental teaching at Lakenheath Primary School in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Date of RA 3rd September 2020.

Persons who may be affected by the activity – Teacher, pupils, school staff and other people who those persons come into contact with.

Introduction.

1. In accordance with current covid-19 guidelines it is possible to return to face to face teaching of instrumental lessons subject to a risk assessment being made and additional measures being put in place.
2. This assessment is subject to approval by the school and all appropriate measures implemented.
3. All concerned should be aware of the impact if someone who has attended lessons at Lakenheath Primary who is identified as positive for covid-19 – this would mean that under the test and trace system isolating for 14 days for everyone who has attended, including myself. This would likely have the impact of the school potentially having to close and a wider impact on all concerned. It is a serious matter and a reason why all these precautions must be put in place. Current guidance which needs to be complied with is available at www.gov.uk/coronavirus.
4. This risk assessment considers the risk posed by coronavirus by identifying circumstances where exposure to the virus could occur (see B – ‘Sources of Risk’). Existing control measures (that are already in place) for managing the associated risk (see C – ‘Control Measures’). Responsibility for these measures are indicated in the text itself.
5. To determine if the sources of risk are managed adequately by the existing control measures already in place in school, the level of residual risk taking into account the effect of the control measures is calculated. (See D). The risk and likelihood are assessed in terms of high, moderate and low.

B. Sources of risk	C. Existing control measures	D. Risk	E. Additional Measures
<p>Touching common contact surfaces including those listed below could result in virus transmission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Door handles - Piano keys - Music - Practice diary - Piano stool - Music stand 	<p>All pupils to wash hands in class prior to arriving at their lessons, limiting the surfaces touched on the way. Pupils to use their own music in lessons, bring their own pencil and eraser to lessons and write in their own practice diary. Teacher to clean all common surfaces immediately to each pupil arriving in the Library. Teacher will also clean hands between each pupil. School have agreed to provide suitable cleaning wipes for this purpose.</p>	<p>Severity: high, likelihood: low</p>	<p>All pupils will only use their own music, Teacher to use own copy of this. Absolutely no borrowing of forgotten music or instruments is permitted under any circumstances. If a pupil forgets their music or instrument then the lesson will be missed and the parent will still be charged for the lesson. This will be detailed in a separate signed agreement with the Parent.</p>
<p>Close proximity between Teacher and pupil could result in airborne transmission of the virus</p>	<p>2m gap maintained between pupil and Teacher. Where not possible, 1m gap plus additional precautions (Clear roller screen, face mask, hand sanitiser) will be used.</p> <p>Teacher will be unable to assist pupils with the setting up, maintenance of instruments on a daily basis. If this is required, and only if absolutely necessary the Teacher will use disposable gloves and a face mask to do so whilst maintaining at least 1m distance from the pupil. Any gloves used will be bagged and disposed of. Ventilation is provided in the Library by the Teacher opening the windows and doors. No singing to take place by either the pupil or Teacher as this increases the risk of transmission</p>	<p>Severity: high, likelihood: low</p>	<p>Teacher to purchase a clear roller screen for use in school.</p>

<p>Teacher and pupil are at increased risk of having and transmitting Covid-19 if any of the following apply to any members of their households:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tested positive for Covid-19 - Covid-19 symptoms (cough, temperature, loss of taste or smell) - Contact with a confirmed Covid-19 case. 	<p>The School will have already advised parents to not send children to school if any of the stated risks apply. Teacher will advise the school if any pupils appear to have any of the stated symptoms, terminate the lesson immediately and seek advice from the School what action to take.</p>	<p>Severity: high, likelihood: low</p>	<p>School to inform Teacher if anyone attending instrumental lessons has either potentially exposed or presenting symptoms. Teacher to provide School with a list of pupils.</p>
<p>Pupils who are in a high risk group due to underlying health conditions may be at greater risk of serious illness in the event of exposure.</p>	<p>Pupils who are higher risk due to underlying health conditions are identified, noted in the Teacher's records and extra vigilance applied by Teacher regarding distancing and cleaning measures. (See above) Parents to consider the risk and determine if returning to lessons at this time is appropriate.</p>	<p>Severity: high, likelihood: possible</p>	<p>If the Parent wishes the lessons to continue and feels that extra precautions are necessary, the Teacher is prepared to use appropriate PPE (face mask, gloves) and be rigorous about maintain 2m distancing.</p>
<p>Close proximity between pupils during crossover between lessons could result in airborne transmission of the virus.</p>	<p>Teacher currently fetches pupils for their lessons so pupils should not come into contact with each other. Only individual lessons will be offered.</p>	<p>Severity: high, likelihood: low</p>	<p>As pupils in the School are in class bubbles, the Teacher is prepared to use a face mask and have sanitised her hands prior to entering a classroom to collect a pupil for a music lesson if this is deemed necessary by the School.</p>