



15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Update

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you have managed to enjoy the summer and everyone has settled well back into school and the new term. Please see below some important updates from WMS regarding tuition and Music Centres.

## LESSONS & TUITION

Many of you will be aware that most face to face lessons in school and at Manygates will be resuming from the 21<sup>st</sup> September. The Music Service, council and schools have been working hard to ensure that these are safe and COVID secure with individual risk assessments agreed with each school. Quite an achievement in these ever changing times and with the latest government guidance only coming out a few days ago!

Please note that in some cases there may have been a change of teacher as at the moment we have had to work around additional school timetabling limitations and reducing the amount of the schools that instrumental music teachers visit. The location of where the lesson takes place in school and which other pupil/s they are taught with may also have temporarily changed to adhere to guidelines and pupil bubbles.

The picture is so varied across schools so exact details are best obtained directly from school which will be available at the end of this week. In the event that instrumental lessons cannot resume straight away in your school we are hoping to be able to offer online lessons in the interim. More details to follow.

## NEW! VIRTUAL MUSIC CENTRES & GROUPS

Although we are not currently able to run face to face ensembles due to the COVID-19 restrictions we have taken this exciting opportunity to go DIGITAL and offer many of our much loved ensembles virtually. Whilst we cannot fully replicate the live face to face ensemble experience, pupils are able to connect with their Music Centre friends, progress with their ensemble playing and try out more advanced groups if they feel ready and comfortable to do so. Music Centre sessions will normally last for 30 minutes and delivered via Zoom. All sessions will **initially be at no cost** so please check your emails for further details about how to enrol and for information on our safeguarding policies. **If you would like more information or would like to join then please visit our main website** <https://www.wakefieldmusicservices.org/site/2020/09/14/new-virtual-music-centres/>



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We are also currently contacting those of you that have **individual lessons, central groups and ensembles that rehearse at Manygates** and how we aim to support as many of these as possible through the pandemic.

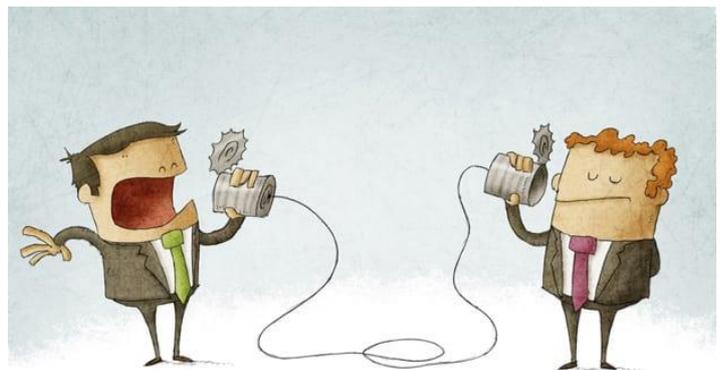
**Want to join!** - If you are completely new to Music Centre activities and would like to get involved please email [aspalding@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:aspalding@wakefield.gov.uk) for further details.

## COMMUNICATION

Please check and make sure that we have your most up to date email/s and check that none of ours have landed in your junk mail? If you believe you should not have received an email or communication from us then please reply and we will update our records.

You can email us at [music@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:music@wakefield.gov.uk)

In a strive to continually strengthen communication you may also receive news and updates directly from our main website [www.wakefieldmusicservices.org](http://www.wakefieldmusicservices.org) Please mark these as safe and if for any reason you no longer want to receive these you can unsubscribe at any time.



Please check out the **various online projects and videos that took place last term** that we were so proud of if you haven't already. You can get a flavour of these in various posts on the website. If you took part in our last project 'Can't Stop Believing' then please note that this is still being compiled and will be released in a couple of weeks. You can also keep up to date by following us on Twitter and on our various Facebook pages. The links are below.

- Main Website: [www.wakefieldmusicservices.org](http://www.wakefieldmusicservices.org)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/wakefieldmusicservices](https://www.facebook.com/wakefieldmusicservices)
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Thank you once again for your support through these difficult times and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any other queries.

*Phil and the WMS Team*