

Centre for Young Musicians Taunton

Frequently Asked Questions for returning to CYMT in September 2020

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Will students need to bring their own face covering to CYMT and when will they need to wear them?

Yes, students in Year 7 and above should have a face covering with them, which they should store in a plastic bag when not in use. There is no expectation that students wear face coverings during or between lessons – timetables have been carefully planned to avoid contact with other student groups throughout the day. We will have a stock of face coverings available if required. NB: Face coverings must be worn on public transport, however the strong preference is that students walk, cycle or are driven to CYMT wherever possible in order to avoid unnecessary risk associated with busy public transport modes. There is a large bicycle parking area on site if needed.

What should students bring with them?

Students are expected to come prepared to learn. No equipment will be lent or shared unless there is surplus available and cleaning materials available. The exception to this is instruments already out on loan, as well as pianos, ukuleles, drumkits and music stands. CYMT/Huish instruments will be cleaned before and after use. Students are advised to bring the following with them:

- their musical instrument
- a music stand (optional)
- guitarists will need their own leads
- drum kit players will need their own sticks/brushes
- pencils (ideally 2B for music) and black writing pen
- eraser & sharpener
- individual water bottle – there will be no access to water fountains
- reading book – in case they wish to have ‘time out’
- face covering in plastic bag
- individual packet of tissues
- food and drink as needed

Will students have their temperature checked at CYMT?

No, temperature checks are not available at CYMT. Should any member of the CYMT community feel unwell at any time whilst at the Centre they should contact the Head of Centre as quickly as possible. We are encouraging good hand hygiene which will reduce the risk of infection and everyone should always wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered. We are encouraging good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach and the etiquette expected is that coughing or sneezing should be done into your crooked elbow.

Will refreshments be available as they are usually?

No, all students will need to bring their own food and drink. Students will have staggered lunch times and lunch will be taken in small, consistent groups. The tuck shop will not be running this term.

Will individual lessons still continue to be taught?

Yes.

What should I do if my child is ill or if my child or member of the household has COVID19 symptoms or tests positive?

Students should attend as planned UNLESS there is illness OR your child or member of the household has COVID19 symptoms or has tested positive for the virus. In these cases, 14 day self-isolation is required AND the Centre MUST be notified IMMEDIATELY so that we can respond appropriately. Please see attached guidance (Coronavirus Absences). Email: taunton@cym.org.uk

What if my child has a cold or sniffles, or if my child (or member of the family) is particularly medically vulnerable?

Students MUST be kept at home for coughs, colds, flu-like symptoms, even if in previous times you might have sent them to school. It is vital that CYMT protects those who may be more vulnerable and keeps illness at a minimum. If you (or member of your family) are particularly vulnerable, please refer to the [government guidance on medical and other vulnerabilities](#), the guidance related to [full school reopening](#) and CYMT's risk assessment published on the CYMT website. If in doubt, it is recommended that you liaise with medical professionals / Consultant / GP. If your child has a Care Plan, please ensure it is up to date and any medication is provided to CYMT.

What entrance / exit should my child use?

The main entrance at the front of Richard Huish College should be used for pedestrians accessing CYMT in the Willow Building at Huish. The rear car park and the green gate near that car park is the entrance which should be used by all students/staff arriving by car. Proceed on foot to the Willow Building where everyone will be required to form an orderly queue, maintaining a social distance of 2m where possible, and sign in at the CYMT reception desk. Everyone will be required to sanitise their hands on arrival, for which hand sanitiser and wipes will be available at the entrance and at other points on site. There will be a one-way system internally and for exiting the Willow Building which will be clearly signed.

What about pick-up time?

Parents/friends picking up students should wait in their cars and communicate by text (to the student direct or to CYMT mobile 07754 217993) as to where they are. Alternatively, they can wait outside the reception area but should maintain 2m distance between themselves and others. Everyone will be required to sign out at the CYMT reception desk when they leave.

Can parents come on to site?

We are limiting the number of visitors to CYMT. If you need to see a member of the team, please call the CYMT mobile 07754 217993 or email taunton@cym.org.uk to make an appointment. New parents/carers are welcome to bring in their child and meet the team whilst maintaining 2m distance between themselves and others, but going forward we advise parents/carers to remain off site until restrictions ease.

What will happen at break times?

Break and lunchtimes will be staggered and groups will be limited to particular areas of the Willow Building. Students will be informed of these arrangements on their first day. Students will have designated areas for break and lunchtimes and they will remain in their small groups. The tuck shop will not be running this term so your child will need to bring in snacks and a drink or a packed lunch.

Will there be concerts at CYMT this term?

No, concerts with a 'live' audience will not take place this term unless guidance changes. We will continue with online concerts and we are looking into livestreaming a concert at the end of term.

What will teaching and learning look like?

Students will be grouped into small 'bubbles' and will be allocated designated areas of the site. They will remain most of the time in these areas. Teachers will travel between classrooms / buildings to teach lessons. Students attending some composition and music production workshops will move around the site on a limited number of occasions during the day. The timetable has been planned to reduce movement considerably.

Teachers will teach from the front of the class, maintaining a 2 metre distance. Teachers may wear protective visors. Teachers and students will be permitted to wear face coverings during class if they wish to do so. All classrooms will be cleaned daily, sanitiser and wipes will be routinely used to clean computer keypads, boards and board markers between lessons. Students MUST have their own equipment since no equipment will be lent by teachers or shared by students. Students will be reminded of the enhanced hand and respiratory hygiene requirements including frequent use of hand sanitiser stations and are expected to follow these requirements at all times. Doors and windows will remain open as much as possible in order to provide constant fresh air.

What if a student or member of staff displays symptoms of Coronavirus?

Extensive work has been carried out to consider the way we use our space, apply social distancing principles, additional hygiene measures, organise timetables and staffing. However, in the event that a member of our CYMT community displays symptoms we will require everyone to follow the advice on the attached guidance (Coronavirus Absences). Swift contact will be made with the individual or their family, with all required information and, where necessary, every member of the relevant bubble will be contacted and advised. It will be important that emergency contact details (2 emails and phone numbers per person on site) are kept up to date in order to assist the tracing process.

What happens in case of emergency?

If the evacuation alarm sounds everyone leaves the building by their nearest exit and gathers on the lawn in front of the Willow Building. Social distancing should be maintained as far as possible. If First Aid is required, the appointed First Aider will attend wearing appropriate PPE as necessary.

Who do we contact if we have questions or concerns?

In the first instance, tutors will be happy to help and support the students in their bubble and answer any questions they may have. The pastoral staff will also be available so please do contact staff whenever you wish – don't keep worries to yourself, please share them with us and allow us to help.

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