

Centre for Young Musicians Taunton

Frequently Asked Questions for attending CYMT in summer 2021

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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, and all adults, are expected to wear a face covering when indoors and in areas where social distancing may be difficult. A face covering is not expected to be worn in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in the lesson, for example playing a woodwind or brass instrument. In this case, the face covering should be removed carefully and stored in a plastic bag when not in use. Face coverings do not need to be worn by students when outdoors on site. We will have a stock of face coverings available if required.

What should students bring with them?

Students are expected to come prepared to learn. No equipment will be loaned 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:

- face covering (and plastic bag for if/when it is removed) for Year 7 upwards or aged 11 and above
- individual water bottle – there will be no access to water fountains – food and drink as needed
- individual packet of tissues
- pencils (ideally 2B for music), eraser & sharpener
- musical instrument
- a music stand (optional – we have plenty but each one must be cleaned before and after use so if you are responsible for your own music stand that helps everyone)
- guitarists will need their own leads
- drum kit players will need their own sticks / brushes
- music production students will need their own headphones / earphones
- reading book – in case you have an extended break or wish to have ‘time out’

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 or any member of staff as quickly as possible.

We are encouraging good hand hygiene at all times which will reduce the risk of infection. Everyone should wash hands regularly and 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 students have to do rapid result lateral flow tests?

Yes, all students in Year 7 and above, and all adults, are strongly encouraged to do twice weekly rapid result lateral flow tests, available from [this link](#). If parents/carers are staying on site they should also do a test the night before and only attend if it shows negative. We are not expecting test results to be reported to us, though they should be reported to the NHS. Of course, if a test shows positive or there’s illness or COVID symptoms we would expect that you would stay away.

Will refreshments be available as they are usually at the CYMT Tuck Shop?

No, all students will need to bring their own food and drink. Students will have staggered break 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, though some may need to take place online when it is not possible for them to happen at CYMT, for example if a student is self-isolating.

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 your child has a Care Plan, please ensure it is up to date and any medication is explained 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. The exit gate to the rear car park is beyond the Hawthorn Building.

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 near the exit door, 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 times are strictly limited so as to avoid gatherings, and students will stay in their small group bubbles and in their classrooms or other designated area. There will be opportunities for students to get fresh air outside (weather permitting) but they will remain in their small groups. Students will be informed of these arrangements on their first day. 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?

Concerts with a 'live' audience will not take place this term unless guidance changes. We hope to present the end of term concert in an outdoor, picnic-style concert on Saturday 10 July at 1pm, depending on the Government's roadmap Step 3.

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 move between classrooms / buildings to teach lessons. Students attending some band and music production workshops will move around the site on a limited number of occasions during the day to the most suitable classroom for those subjects. The timetable has been planned to reduce movement considerably.

Teachers will teach from the front of the class, maintaining a 2 metre distance. Teachers and students aged 11+ will be expected to wear face coverings during classes unless wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in the lesson, for example playing a woodwind or brass instrument. In this case, the face covering should be removed carefully and stored in a plastic bag when not in use. 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 loaned by teachers or shared by students. Students will be reminded regularly 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 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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