



Dear parents,

We are delighted to announce that Music Bugs Southampton will be returning to live classes.

We will be adhering to the latest Government guidelines on infection control, social distancing and hygiene and as such the following measures will be in place for each class:

1. Numbers for each class will be limited, if your chosen class is full please add yourself to the waiting list. We will open up more spaces as and when it is safe to do so. As numbers are currently so restricted we will be temporarily having to charge for siblings to attend (babes in arms come free), we will change this back to normal as soon as we possibly can. For the time being please book one place per child that you are bringing with you (except babes in arms).
2. Due to the number limits there will also be a maximum of one adult per booking please.
3. Every child will have their own instrument and set of props, they will be on your mat on arrival, should be kept with you throughout the session and deposited in the cleaning tub on exit as instructed by your class leader.
4. No food and drink will be allowed in classes.
5. Each session will be slightly shorter than previously to allow for extra cleaning time between sessions and to prevent people crossing over between classes, we anticipate that the time saved in handing out and collecting in props will counteract this and we will still be able to fit in the same amount of songs and activities 😊
6. Mats will be cleaned or changed over between classes, door handles will also be cleaned
7. Windows will be kept open at all times to improve ventilation in the room, please make sure you and your child are both dressed appropriately!
8. Mats will be placed at 2m intervals to allow for social distancing, please do not move mats around. We will follow current government advice in terms of children social distancing and will update you on this at the start of each class, we will plan activities accordingly to make this as easy as possible while restrictions are still in place.

We also ask that when you come into the venue you observe/carry out the following:

1. Please wash yours and your child's hands before and after class
2. DO NOT ATTEND classes if you or your child are showing any of the following symptoms: cough, fever, loss of taste or smell, online sessions will be sent to anyone who has booked a space and can't attend so that you can enjoy the session at home instead

3. Hand gel will be available in class and around venues but we encourage you to bring your own to reduce sharing (hand gel should not be used on under 2s)
4. Face masks are currently mandatory in community centres and churches so must be worn when entering and leaving the building, moving around the building and when instructed to by your class leader. During the class itself face masks can be removed in order to clearly communicate with your child and when songs are very active and class as exercise. We recommend wearing a buff or scarf which can be easily lifted and lowered and ask that common sense is used for this. Face coverings are there to keep us all safe so should be worn as much as possible but without letting it negatively impact on the benefits of attending Music Bugs for your child.
5. Each venue will have their own specific adaptations in place and a short video will be sent to each attendee to explain anything like one way systems or any other venue specific instructions.

Please don't be put off, we will be working really hard to make sure that all of these changes are as smooth and as unnoticeable as possible. We really feel that the benefits of the face to face groups outweigh the inconvenience of some of the changes that we need to make. However, we will also still be offering an online session each if the face to face classes are not going to work for you yet.