

Existing students who took part in the summer term online pilot10th July 2020**Instrumental and Vocal Music Lessons at Walsall Music Centre****Sign up for tuition in September 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We anticipate that in September the Walsall Arena and Arts Centre will remain closed; therefore WMEHS are still unable to provide lessons in person.

However, following the success of piloting instrumental and vocal lessons online during the summer term, we would like to offer your child their **usual lesson time** with their usual teacher in this live, online format.

Online lessons will resume on this basis from the week beginning 7th September 2020 and prices will remain the same as this academic year (2019-2020), which are:

- Individual lessons with an ensemble experience (excluding piano): £11 for 30 mins per week
- Individual lessons without an ensemble experience, and piano lessons: £13.50 for 30 mins per week
- ***Please note: group Theory lessons are suspended until the Arts Centre reopens. However, individual theory lessons can be arranged. These lessons will cost £11 for 30mins per week. Please contact sdufty@forestartcentre.org.uk for more information.***

Payment for lessons will be taken in the autumn term and any carried over weeks owed to you from the Spring term will be deducted from your first bill.

The online lessons will be delivered using *Microsoft Teams* and instructions on how to use this app are included in the ***WMEHS Online Music Centre Lessons Safeguarding Policy*** document. *Please click on the following link for your convenience:*
<http://www.walmused.co.uk/media/60264/safeguarding-for-online-teaching.pdf>

To secure these lessons please sign up as soon as possible.

It is our intention to return to face-to-face lessons as soon as we are able.

Once we do return to face-to-face lessons, in the event of some form of lockdown occurring again in the future, we would switch to online lessons immediately to avoid disruption for your child. Now these systems and policies are in place this is something we can do quickly and easily should the need arise.

How to Sign Up for September 2020:

1. Please complete the attached form titled ***Music Centre Lessons from September 2020*** and send it back to us by email – please use the address of this email.
2. Once we have processed your form, your teacher will contact you, by email, early September to confirm your online lesson time.
3. Lessons will start the week beginning 7th September 2020 and payment will be organised further into the month.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking part in the online lessons pilot during the summer term and for your continued support.

I hope you all have a restful summer and look forward to working with you in September.

Kind regards,

Scott Hollins (WMEHS Manager)