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Dear Parents,

I wanted to write to update you on DASP Music's plans in light of the current circumstances that we find ourselves in with regards to Coronavirus.

At the moment, whilst the schools are still open, peripatetic music lessons at schools will continue. Some peripatetic teachers have already made the decision to self-isolate, due to underlying health issues and they will have contacted parents separately to explain this.

If your child is off school for whatever reason, please can you make contact with your child's music teacher as early as possible to inform them of this.

For lessons that are continuing in schools, we have issued guidance to teachers to wipe piano keys between lessons, not allow students to share instruments, to keep a sensible distance from pupils and to obviously wash hands often.

If the schools close, some teachers will be offering lessons via a video messaging platform such as skype (some teachers who are self-isolating are already offering this service). Obviously this will be of benefit to pupils, as it will ensure consistency of learning. It is also a way to help to support our self-employed workforce of teachers who will be facing financial anxiety over the next few weeks. If you opt for a remote lesson, we will be asking that lessons take place in a communal area of the house and that a parent or another person is present in the area (for safeguarding reasons). Please liaise directly with your teacher about this as and when the situation changes. Not all teachers will be able to offer this option, so please be understanding of individuals' circumstances.

All DASP Ensembles are cancelled with immediate effect until the end of term.

All financial implications regarding missed lessons/ensembles will be sorted out over the next few weeks once we know what is going to be happening after Easter – it is mostly likely that lessons will be 'owed' next term.

These are rapidly changing times and we will try to keep you all updated as best as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,
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