

**Piano Teaching in a Changing Environment**  
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As the UK continues to ease lockdown restrictions the latest government guidance is listed below. New government guidance in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales is shown in the **shaded boxes**.

Nation	Lessons in Schools	Private Tuition for Children	Private Tuition for Adults
England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual face-to-face music lessons are permitted at the discretion of each school</li> <li>Teachers may move between schools but must comply with each school's safety measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face-to-face tuition is permitted in private homes for all children subject to government COVID-safety guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the absence of specific government guidance about face-to-face tuition for adults, both the ISM and MU have concluded that face-to-face lessons are permitted subject to government COVID-safety guidelines</li> </ul>
N. Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual face-to-face music lessons are permitted for all students at all schools</li> <li>Individual schools will provide information about permitted activities and safety procedures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face-to-face tuition is permitted in private homes and other venues subject to government COVID-safety guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face-to-face tuition is permitted in private homes and other venues subject to government COVID-safety guidelines</li> </ul>
Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual face-to-face music lessons are permitted for all students at all schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face-to-face tuition is only permitted in private in areas under COVID protection level 3</li> <li>In all other areas we suggest lessons are offered online where possible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the absence of specific guidance from government we suggest lessons are offered online where possible</li> </ul>
Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual face-to-face music lessons are permitted for all student at all schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face-to-face tuition is permitted in private homes and other venues subject to government COVID-safety guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face-to-face tuition is permitted in private homes and other venues subject to government COVID-safety guidelines</li> </ul>

Where face to face teaching is permitted, teachers should follow government guidelines in relation to social distancing, ventilation, cleaning and interaction and have completed a risk assessment. EPTA's sample **risk assessment** is available to members at <https://www.epta-uk.org/covid-19-advice>

Hencilla Canworth have confirmed that your public liability insurance remains valid as long as you are operating within the law and if you follow government guidance in relation to social distancing, ventilation, cleaning and interaction.

Up-to-date information is available from the UK governments:

- **England:** [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- **Northern Ireland:** [www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19)
- **Scotland:** [www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/)
- **Wales:** [www.gov.wales/coronavirus](http://www.gov.wales/coronavirus)

Other sources of guidance for music teachers and musicians include:

- **Incorporated Society of Musicians:** <https://www.ism.org/advice/easing-of-lockdown-restrictions>
- **Music Mark:** <https://www.musicmark.org.uk/resources/music-unlocked-guidance-for-schools-and-music-providers/>
- **Musicians' Union:** <https://www.musiciansunion.org.uk/Home/Advice/covid-19/music-teaching>

If you require further legal advice, EPTA UK members can contact our legal helpline on **01384 887575**.

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