

CLYM PLANS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Dear all

We hope everyone managed to have good break over the summer, in spite of the current challenges that we're all still facing.

This email is to update you all about our thoughts and plans for all the CLYM groups this term. Everyone at ArtForms, and especially our fantastic team of CLYM leaders, is keen to resume some activity as far as is possible within the context of the current situation. This will need to be a blended approach within which there will be two key aspects: online activity and a limited number of face to face rehearsals.

Online activity

In the coming weeks, we will be creating the facility in Google Classrooms (GC) for CLYM groups to meet as needed when face to face activity is not possible. Google Classrooms is our online learning platform, also used by many schools, which has many similar features to Zoom. This will involve some online rehearsals for some groups whilst also providing an opportunity of CLYM members to see each other. We intend to upload the names of existing CLYM group members onto the GC platform in the coming weeks to enable this to happen. However, **please let us know by Wednesday 23rd September** if you would prefer that your child is **not** involved in this online approach. Full details about this will be sent out after that date.

Face to face rehearsals

We are planning for the resumption of some face to face rehearsals for some CLYM groups where this is possible and safe to do so. Individual CLYM leaders will be in contact with you separately about this in the coming weeks but the general principles of this are as follows:

- These will only take place if current government and local advice permits this. At the moment the advice is that we can operate with groups of up to 15 plus 2 staff, all socially distanced. This is in line with government guidance for out of school education groups. However, we're conscious that local restrictions may change at short notice so this will be kept under constant review.
- Most sessions will take place at Pudsey Civic Hall which has been fully risk assessed and has all Covid-19 routines in place. We may need to move some groups to larger spaces in the building to enable groups of 15 to be socially distanced and this may involve some change of times (and potentially a change of day). In some cases, we may need to put a rota in place with, for example, children attending a session on alternate weeks. Further details about all this to come from CLYM group leaders in due course.
- Beyond the robust processes in place at Pudsey Civic Hall, we are putting together a specific risk assessment for CLYM groups which take into account all other government advice re: safe music educational activities. This will include information about safe use of the building/social distancing, personal hygiene, wearing of masks, safe use of instruments, pick up/drop off arrangements etc., and this will be sent to you.
- We will be ensuring that we have plenty of staff on site to ensure everyone is safe.



We obviously understand that while many of you will welcome the opportunity to resume these face to face CLYM activities where possible, some children/parents may not wish to engage at this stage for a variety of reasons. There is therefore now some time for you to consider how you would like to respond before your CLYM leader gets in touch.

Fees and Bursaries

In terms of fees for CLYM provision, we will need to reintroduce this as activity resumes. However the charges will be proportionate to the specific activity that is taking place and will reflect the frequency and duration of this. This is therefore unlikely to be a full price/full year invoice as previously. Could we also emphasise that we still have both Leeds Music Education Partnership and discretionary bursaries available. For a bursary application form, please get in touch with Catherine at Catherine.Lloyd@leeds.gov.uk.

Auditions

A reminder that anyone wishing to audition for CLYO and CLYWO will need to apply. Thanks to everyone who has applied so far. We can confirm that until October half term (when audition decisions are made), current CLYTO and CLYTWO members intending to move up will be staying with their group from last term. We hope this reassures you and will avoid members losing interest in the interim period.

We hope this information is useful to you at this stage but if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. In the meantime, look out for further details in the coming weeks.

With best wishes.

