

ROOTS ALIVE PLANS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Hi everyone,

I hope you had a lovely summer and a good start to the new school year.

I'm so pleased to be able to tell you that Roots Alive has been given the 'green light' to start rehearsing together again from Friday 25th September, 5-6.30pm.

Please be assured that we will be following and keeping up to date with all government and local guidelines surrounding COVID. At the moment, only 2 groups are allowed to start rehearsing in Pudsey Civic Hall on Fridays (Roots Alive and the Brass Band). I've been to Pudsey Civic Hall and the building feels very safe - there are strict limits on room capacity and a clear one-way system in place. We will be in our normal rehearsal room (the Woodhall room at the top of the stairs) and it will be cleaned before and after use.

Additional measures in place:

- everyone must wear a mask when they enter the building and keep it on until they are seated in the rehearsal room (unless exempt)
- temperatures will be taken at the door
- we will be socially distanced in rehearsals (at least 2m)
- windows will be open for ventilation (so it may be cold!)
- we cannot share equipment, such as music stands. Please bring your own if you have one. If you don't have your own, you can borrow one that will be disinfected before and after use but please let me know in advance if you need one.
- our rehearsals will be 'contactless', so no passing sheet music round the room etc.

If you have any questions or concerns, please drop me an email, or my work phone number is 07891 274870. We need to know in advance who is intending on coming to rehearsals, **so please could you confirm either way** by email / phone / text.

Lastly, I've just had permission from the head of ArtForms to share our lockdown video. I can't wait for you to see it! I'll upload it onto the Roots Alive Facebook and Twitter accounts on Sunday morning (around 10) and ask Stephen to pop it onto Instagram. I'll also email round a YouTube link for anyone that can't view it on any of those platforms.

I hope to see everyone next week!

