# Public Health Advice Risk Assessment for Christina’s Fun With Music

## Assessment carried out by: Christina Northcott

## Date assessment was carried out: 14th April 2022 Date of next review: 5th September 2022

**How this risk assessment was done**

This risk assessment is based on the method and principles of the Health & Safety Executive (HSE)’s Public Health Advice including advice about coronavirus and safe working here: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/index.htm>. The aim of this risk assessment is to identify how COVID-19 or other illnesses could spread in my teaching environment, and to identify methods to stop the spread of infections. This assessment reflects any relevant official government guidance for safe working.

I identified hazards by examining the space used for classes, mapping entry and exit procedures and movement around the building, noting ventilation options within the space, considering instrument and equipment cleaning procedures and whether any items are shared.

I will update this assessment periodically in light of changes in government guidance or restrictions.

More information on managing risk: [www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/](http://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/)

| What are the hazards? | Who might be harmed and how? | What are you already doing to control the risks? | What further action do you need to take to control the risks? | Who needs to carry out the action? | When is the action needed by? | Done |
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| Getting or spreading illnesses by not washing hands or not washing them adequately. | Children  Carers  Teacher | Provision of water, soap and drying facilities in the bathrooms.  Provision of hand sanitiser. | Have available hand sanitiser, tissues, wipes and pedal bin.  Clean all surfaces children and carers are likely to come into contact with before the class. | Teacher | 28th April 2022 |  |
| Getting or spreading illnesses in common use high traffic areas such as corridors, toilet facilities, entry/exit points. | Children  Carers  Teacher | Identify any areas and surfaces that are frequently touched but are difficult to clean. | Clear entry and exit routes.  Clear path to the toilets. | Teacher  Carers | 28th April 2022 |  |
| Getting or spreading illnesses from shared instruments and materials. | Children  Carers  Teacher | Cleaning shared instruments and props adequately between classes. Having hand sanitiser and tissues available. | Bags handed to each carer with instruments. Hand sanitiser and tissues available in class. | Teacher  Carers | 28th April 2022 |  |
| Poor ventilation in room leads to risks of illnesses spreading | Children  Carers  Teacher | Ensure adequate ventilation during the class. | Keeping the windows open or running the air conditioning or heating system to keep the air flowing. | Teacher | 28th April 2022 |  |
| Getting or spreading an illness from an unwell person | Children  Carers  Teacher | Asking carers to not come to class if they have symptoms of illness. | Have clear health management policy in place. | Teacher | 28th April 2022 |  |

**To summarise what I will be doing to adhere to health and safety:**

My utmost concern is for the safety and well-being of the children and carers that are coming to my classes, and I will do everything possible to make the environment as safe as I can. At this time, the government has removed remaining domestic restrictions in England.

The room will be well ventilated with either an open window/door or circulating air via the air-conditioning/heating system.

Good hygiene will be followed by washing hands/using hand sanitiser when needed.

Children and their carers will have hand sanitiser and tissues available in class.

Instrument bags will have each child’s name and will be for that child’s exclusive use.