



Music Makers - Return to Venue, Covid Policy:

We are excited about welcoming you back to Music Makers! Please bear with us as we adapt together and get used to our new way of using the venues.

We are asking you to read through the following steps we are taking to keep our sessions a fun and safe environment for you to come and take part in our Music Maker sessions:

Preventing the spread of the Covid Virus:

- Please do not attend the session if you or your child are feeling unwell, have a temperature, new persistent cough, loss of taste, or other symptoms which may be associated with Covid-19. For the latest information visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus
- If you feel unwell during a session, please inform a member of the Music Makers Team and vacate the room, returning to your home address.
- In line with Public Health Guidance we will maintain a register list for all sessions in line with Contact Tracing requirements.
- Please bring your own hand sanitiser. Both you and your child should sanitise hands before entering the premises.

Arriving at the Venue:

- Please adhere to social distancing whilst waiting to enter the venue, waiting either in the foyer or outside until asked to enter. Be prepared that you may have to wait outside in the changeable Cumbrian Weather!
- Entrances and exits - each venue will be signposted or have a member of the Music Makers team close by to direct you. Some of our venues will operate an entrance and exit strategy.
- A face covering should be worn to enter the building. The Music Makers team will wear a visor to welcome you. It is optional for children to wear a face covering as they are not required to be worn as per government guidance.
- Please arrive no more than 10 minutes before your session time to enable sufficient time to be welcomed and your child to get their sticker. Please don't worry if you are running late, one of the team will welcome you if the session has started. For sessions with only

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myself or Helena on the premises, we will try to keep a mat closest to the entrance of the room for any late comers.

- If possible, please limit pushchairs, personal belongings, etc bringing only what is essential to the sessions.

Entering the Music Makers Room:

- Please do not enter the Music Makers room until directed to do so by staff.
- Once you have entered the Music Makers room and are directed to your mat, you may remove your face covering if you choose. Children are not required to wear a face covering or to socially distance.
- At present, no masks or visors will be worn during the delivery of the session by Helen or Helena.
- Mats will be placed to mark the space and to guide 2 metre social distancing. Please do not move the mats and fill the gaps as directed by the Music Makers team.
- Rooms may be a little chillier than usual as we try to maximise ventilation with doors or windows open, wherever possible.
- We have strict restrictions on numbers within each group/room at any given time therefore it is **one adult per child**. No additional visitors will be allowed to accompany you to the session unless agreed by prior arrangement.
- Do not bring any snacks into the session. Drinks should be limited and kept in your bag out of reach of another child.
- During the session, both you and your child should sanitise hands before and after using a Music Makers instrument/prop. Once again, this should be with your own sanitiser.
- All hard props, i.e. percussion instruments, rainmakers, drums etc will be cleaned at the end of each session. Please do your best to limit any chewing or placing in mouths of instruments etc, perhaps have something from home that you could use as a distraction/alternative.
- No cuddly props or scarves will be provided by Music Makers at this current time. As indicated on the recent survey, you will be notified via email every three weeks with a props list so we can still continue with as many of our favourite songs as possible - this

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will only be two or three items, and substitute friends can always be brought - we've had cuddly dinosaurs doing the Penguin Waddle during our lockdown Zoom sessions!

- Cuddly props that you have brought from home will remain your responsibility. Once signed up to the term, you will be provided with a Music Makers bag to bring any items to your session.
- Sessions may initially run slightly shorter as we factor in the additional time to all hand sanitise, clean props and other surfaces after each group.

Moving to the refreshment and play area / Exiting the Building:

- Please wash or sanitise both you and your child's hands at the end of the session.
- Once your session is finished, please replace your face coverings to move to an area for refreshments and playtime and to exit the building.
- Refreshments and playtime will be limited to approx 30 mins after the session to enable the space and toy box, including contents, to be wiped down. There will be no soft toys in the toy box.
- At present, there will be **no adult refreshments and no drinks for children**. We hope to be able to offer this again within the coming weeks. You should bring your own child's drink.
- Grapes in Music Makers bowls will be provided. Please place your bowl back on the tray/table once finished so a member of the team does not have to walk amongst you.
- Any tissues, wipes etc that you have used should be taken home or placed in the bin provided. **Please do not place waste in the bowls.**
- Please use your own changing mat in the designated baby changing area within each venue, if applicable. Nappies should be taken home.
- Appropriate washing facilities should be available in most venues.
- Once you have vacated the venue, you will not be permitted to re-enter due to cleaning for subsequent groups and/or the venue's own cleaning policy.

Payment Information:

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- At present, we will not be accepting cash or cheques. Payment can be made via online banking, details of which will be in your email. If this isn't an option, please place the correct amount in a well sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's full name and the session they attend.
- Payments of T-shirts, CD's and other items can also be made via online banking. Ask Helen or Helena for details if required.
- Should future lockdowns impact on our sessions, all sessions wherever possible will continue via Zoom. No refunds will be available and no missed sessions will be carried forward to subsequent terms unless specified by Music Makers.

Agreement:

- By signing up to the 12 week term, you agree to paying the full amount for the term and are agreeing to the Music Makers Covid Policy. You will be notified of any changes made by email or text message.

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