

POLICY UPDATE Tuesday 27 November

Our revised measures are:

- All parents and adult students should wear face coverings in the building
- Teachers may not necessarily wear face coverings in lessons
- Children in school Years 7 and above should wear face coverings when walking around the building, but not necessarily so in lessons

This update has been created from the Department for Education's publication: [COVID-19: Actions for out-of-school settings](#) (November 2021)

### COVID-19 information for parents, students and other visitors

We have completed a risk assessment and this document details the results

### CONTROL MEASURES

Matrix Arts Centre will

1. Encourage good hygiene for everyone
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
3. Keep occupied spaces ventilated
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Do not come to Matrix if

- you have symptoms or feel unwell
- you have tested positive (PCR or lateral flow)
- you have been told to self-isolate
- someone you have close contact with has tested positive
- you are quarantining after a visit abroad

Here's the Department for Education's message to out of school educational settings:

*"As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for two doses by mid-September. Our priority is for you to deliver face-to-face, high quality provision to all children."* ([LINK](#))

With this in mind, we will deliver lessons as close to the norm as the pandemic allows.

### In the classroom

- Children in school Years 7 and above should wear face coverings when walking around the building, but not necessarily so in lessons
- All parents and adult students should wear face coverings in the classroom
- Group lesson children will be able to move around, to go to the teacher's piano or keyboard, to sing together, to use the whiteboard. Teachers will sanitise as appropriate
- We will keep parental movement as low as possible, with parents sitting by their child's keyboard
- We will keep keyboards distanced
- We will continue to work with the windows open – please wear suitable clothing
- We will continue to sanitise instruments and touch points between each lesson

### In the building

- All parents and adult students should wear face coverings in the building
- The waiting room will be open, but please sign in and out for track and trace purposes and if it looks rather full, think before using it. If necessary, we will introduce a booking system
- The upstairs ballet changing room will be open for changing only (no waiting)
- One person or family in the loos at a time
- Please enter and exit through the allotted doors (as before)
- The kitchen remains closed

### Stepping up measures

If we are asked, or we feel it necessary to increase our control measures, we may

1. Revert to more stringent social distancing, including face coverings for over 18s
2. Close the waiting and changing rooms
3. Saturday classes may move online on a rotational basis (as before)
4. Particular groups or even the whole school may move to online teaching again for as long as we are advised to