

BEAT Online Music Lessons for Key Stage 1

- Primary schools have been asked to welcome all pupils in all year groups full-time, whilst operating in whole class “bubbles”.
- Schools are to teach an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects, specifically including the arts.
- Schools are to develop remote education for pupils isolating at home, or in case of a local lockdown.
- Schools have been told to avoid assemblies, in many schools a cornerstone of existing music provision.

Our KS1 Online Music Lessons have been developed to support schools in meeting the challenge of continuing high quality music provision for their younger children in the current difficult circumstances.

How will the KS1 Online Music Lessons work?

Each lesson will be a 30 minute weekly session with a suggested follow up activity led by BEAT’s classroom music specialist, Ros Savournin. The sessions, including warm ups, movement and music activities, will be designed to engage younger children whilst teaching and reinforcing musical concepts and vocabulary. Each session will have a suggested follow up activity which you can do in class (or at home). Within these sessions, the key content for the BEAT Infant Music Festivals will be directly delivered. For a flavour of Ros’s presentation style, have a look at the KS1 Song of the Week videos in our lockdown resources: <https://beatrust.org.uk/songs-of-the-week/>.

Supporting your school’s COVID policies: Schools have responded in different ways to the government guidelines and to emerging evidence regarding singing. The emphasis will not be on singing in the KS1 Online Music Lessons, and it will be possible to take part without singing. The lessons can also be viewed at home by families who are unable to attend school, or in case of the need for isolation or local lockdown.

Subscribers will be given exclusive access to a weekly video which can be viewed online using your class whiteboard. Maximum access for schools/homes and avoiding technical problems is our priority – you will not have to download specific software to access the assemblies.

You can have your online music lesson at any time on a Tuesday. We want these lessons to feel “live” – they will reference the day, mention the schools taking part, and, as the term goes on, we hope to invite participating schools to send in videos or messages that we can respond to during the lesson. Each week’s lesson will be available from 9am on Tuesday morning and for the rest of that day, so you can choose a lesson time to suit your school. Collective music making is, sadly, a casualty of the current crisis and many schools will feel this loss keenly, as they miss the sense of community that gathering together for music assemblies brings to a school. We suggest that schools choose the same time for all their participants, at home and in school, to maximise the “togetherness” aspect of this activity.

How to subscribe the KS1 Online Music Lessons

The package costs £40 for 6 weekly sessions during Autumn Term 2020.

You can make these accessible to as many classes and children at home as you like.

To sign up your school, or to ask further questions, email ros.savournin@beatrust.org.uk

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