

Due to the announcement regarding COVID-19, Sadie has decided to teach ONLINE!

Online lessons will officially be offered EXCLUSIVELY from Monday 23rd March, in a bid to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe and well. During this uncertain time, we need to try and maintain those things that bring us joy and (obviously!) one of those things is

MUSIC! Lesson times will be adapted slightly and tuition will be charged at the usual rate.

Technical things you need:

- 1. An Internet connection
- 2. A **charged device** (iPad, Tablet, PC or Mac) with a front facing camera
 - Zoom: Free app. Download available from the App Store or equivalent, more appropriate for musicians as there's less lag time and option for a variety of camera angles.
- 3. Access to a piano (piano students) / A speaker for backing tracks/warm ups (voice students)
- 4. A quiet room preferably a 'public area' in the house, or room with the door open
- 5. For younger students, a helpful parent/carer who can help make notes

Online Lesson Procedures:

 Set up your device ahead of time. Sadie needs to be able to see your face AND hands. For piano students, see the picture (right) for an idea of how to angle your device.

Tip: set up a chair with a high stack of books next to the

piano. This will generally work! Singers should position their camera so Sadie can see them (from top to toe if possible!)



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• Have your books open/sheets out on your stand and a pencil ready. For singers, ensure you have your backing track linked to an alternate device ready to sing along to. If we're working on a new track, sheets and backing tracks will be sent.

• Sadie will send the link in advance. Click and 'enter the waiting room'. Sometimes Sadie is teaching a lesson before yours and may need to reset her cameras before letting you in. Practise while you wait!:)

If you can not connect to the Internet for a Zoom lesson, Sadie will record a VIDEO LESSON and send it to you for that week's assignment.

Questions? Concerns? Call or email Sadie anytime!

What to expect:

A trial run. We will need to practise connecting for lessons and establish the best platform (app, device, angle set up etc.) This will be built into the first online lesson. Extra time will be needed, and this will be arranged prior to the lesson.

These lessons are different. These lessons will give us an awesome opportunity to REALLY listen to each other. It's important we take it in turns to speak - we can not talk/play/sing at the same tine. As a student, it's important to be clear on what you're supposed to practise for the next lesson. If you have questions, ASK!

Practice is important. Let's make the recent changes to our daily routines count and help us feel good about making music. We want to use our lessons as effectively as possible, so a good practice routine is essential!

Sadie will send any necessary resources prior to lessons. Any sheet music or homework should be printed (if possible!) or available digitally in advance of the lesson.

Lesson start times are more flexible. As we go, we may need to change start times slightly to allow for change-over. Please be patient while we iron out the kinks. If you would prefer a different lesson time, please let Sadie know.

Finally:

This is new territory for us all! We don't know how long lessons will need to be taught like this. As with all new things, it can be scary, but we are strong. Let's stay **positive** and use music to bond us together - we will get through this!

