

# Duddon Saint Peter's School



## Music Safety

**HAZARDS**        The main hazard are infections from uncleaned instruments, cuts from broken equipment , hearing damage, moving and handling issues with large instruments and electrical/fire dangers from electrically powered equipment.

### CONTROL MEASURES

- All users should be trained in the appropriate safe use of instruments. This training should relate to setting up, playing and transporting instruments.
- The sharing of recorders should be discouraged. If, however, there is an establishment decision to enable sharing, appropriate disinfecting would be expected.
- There should be no sharing of reeds or mouthpieces with woodwind and brass instruments.
- All portable electrical equipment used in schools is tested and labelled (even if the equipment does not belong to the school). Users are to be reminded to carry out a visual check of leads, plugs and connections whenever the equipment is in use.
- Circuit breakers need to be used on high voltage equipment, e.g. electrical guitars, amplifiers etc. and care should be taken to avoid trailing leads when electronic equipment is in use.
- Pianos should be stable and care must be exercised when moving them. Pupils should not move pianos unless they are assisting a member of staff and only when it is safe to do so.
- Continual vigilance should be maintained to identify items needing repair particularly split tambour or tambourine skins, rough nails or pinheads on tambours or tambourines, sharp tambourine jingles, missing rubber protectors on xylophone or glockenspiels and split or splintered wood.
- Students with ear or skin infections near their ears should not use headphones.
- Some equipment used with headphones is capable of producing sufficient volume to cause serious damage to ear drums. Users should be trained always to make a test with the headphones held in the hands an inch or two away from the ear so that the volume may be adjusted if necessary.
- If sound can be heard outside the headphones, the volume is usually too high.
- Headphones should be regularly cleaned.

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Governor responsible

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Head teacher

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