

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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EMAIL COMMUNICATION, 03/04/20

Dear families,

In response to current school closures and social distancing measures, we have been testing systems and researching best practice for the delivery of online sessions. The Friends of the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (FNMPAT) are now in a position to host online Keep in Touch (KIT) sessions from NMPAT teachers.

Please find below some further details, to enable you to consider this option.

To enable your child to participate, the following equipment will be required:

- A device with either an integrated webcam or a webcam/camcorder attached (N.B. ideally keyboard sessions would benefit from a second device, one to show the student from sideways on displaying the keyboard, hands and side profile of the student and one on the music stand of the piano so that the student can see and have more immediate contact with the teacher)
- The software required for connection already loaded onto your device. We will be using Zoom.us, you can sign up for free here <https://zoom.us> (When you do this please use the email address you communicate with NMPAT with rather than your Facebook account to sign up)
- A microphone if possible or device with a built-in microphone
- Good power supply
- Minimum 2 MB/s broadband speed
- Adequate lighting
- A desk or steady surface for a laptop, PC or smartphone to be placed
- A music stand (or similar) and appropriate chair (e.g. dining chair) for the pupil
- Pencil, practice diary and any music books they own

If you are equipped and interested in arranging an online Keep in Touch (KIT) session, email office@nmpat.co.uk to register your interest.

This is a new initiative for staff, students and families hosted by FNMPAT. We will be asking for your feedback so we can continually improve our offer to all age groups.

We hope to bring some NMPositiviT to all our pupils by providing opportunities to continue to participate in activities - and we may see some fantastic progress in these unusual times! Do keep an eye on NMPAT's Twitter, Facebook, Instagram accounts and our YouTube channel for ideas, activities and resources.

As an organisation, NMPAT is doing everything that we can to stay healthy and resilient. We would like to reassure you that County Groups, Saturday Centres, lessons and all our face to face activities will recommence as soon as we are permitted to do so. There are still auditions to be prepared for (though we don't know what these will look like yet) and although the exam boards have shut down for the moment, they too will be back and we want our students to be ready for action!

We look forward to hearing from you.

Stay Safe

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