



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to let you know that 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, myself included. Sessions will be provided **free of charge** and are not intended to replace a normal face to face lesson, but are a way for us to keep in touch with our students and hopefully provide some guidance through the current situation. Please note however that it will not be possible to offer sessions to all pupils on a weekly basis.

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 and 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, please email me at [brackleycheney@NMPAT.co.uk](mailto:brackleycheney@NMPAT.co.uk).

If however you don't wish to pursue KIT sessions but would like any guidance before lessons resume, please feel free to email me and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Kind Regards,

Janine Mold