

Covid-19 Safety Rules



Harborne Orchestra

Harborne Orchestra has completed a Covid-19 Risk Assessment which is available for Members on its' website via <https://www.harborneorchestra.com>

This document sets out the safety rules arising from that policy.

For the collective safety of all members during rehearsals and concerts the Committee strongly **encourages all members to have a covid vaccine**, recognising that some may have compelling reasons not to do so and acknowledging the right of individuals to decide.

1. Members should:

- Not attend a rehearsal or concert if feeling unwell or have any symptoms of covid or other illness no matter how minor, including but not limited to a continuous cough, fever, sore throat, itchy eyes or sneezing.
- Not attend if they have tested positive for covid within 14 days of a rehearsal or concert. The Committee encourages members to take a covid flow test within 48 hours before attending a rehearsal or concert.
- Maintain social distancing at all times, including on arrival;
- Enter the rehearsal building at socially distanced intervals, and queue to enter the building if necessary to achieve this;
- Wear a face mask at all times except when seated or playing their instrument. String players to wear masks when playing as far as possible. Exemptions are made for medical reasons;
- Bring their own stand and music and not share them with another member;
- Bring their own refreshments to rehearsals;
- Maintain social distancing during any breaks in rehearsal;
- Use the toilet facilities on a one in one out basis;
- Frequently use hand sanitiser.

2. Seating for rehearsals and concerts will be spaced at no less than the minimum distance advised by the government. Adequate spacing needs to be left for members to access a route to the toilet facilities. Chairs should be set out prior to members arriving and not then be moved.
3. Windows and non-fire doors will be opened on arrival and remain open throughout a rehearsal or concert to provide ventilation.
4. Sufficient music will be supplied to the members so that they do not need to share copies whilst playing.
5. A register of attendees will be taken at each rehearsal or concert so that members can be alerted if any member subsequently tests positive for covid. Members will only be alerted that there is a positive case, no identifying details will be given out.
6. Members should notify the Committee via email at orchestraharborne@gmail.com if they test positive within 14 days of attending a rehearsal or concert so that other members can be notified.
7. In the event that a member has attended a rehearsal or concert whilst positive for covid the subsequent rehearsal will be cancelled to allow a 14-day isolation period for all members.