**COVID 19 Risk Assessment for Choir Session.**

**Teacher: Donna Rudd (Soul Train Choir)**

**Venue: St Lukes Hall**

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| **What are the hazards?** | **Who might be harmed** | **Controls Required** | **Additional** |
| Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus | * **Participants** * **Vulnerable groups –those with existing underlying health conditions** * **Anyone not yet fully vaccinated.** | **Register:**   * There will be a register for all participants with a tick box to ensure that you are present, are not unwell, have not had contact with anyone with covid, or are not showing any symptoms, or have been asked to self isolate. Please tick this as you arrive.   **Masks**   * All adults must wear masks when entering and leaving the building and using any public facilities (toilets/kitchen etc) * Singing with a mask on is not usually viable and therefore we will be following government advice on distancing etc (see below). Anyone who would prefer to sing with their mask on will be encouraged to do so.   **Hand Washing**   * Hand washing facilities with soap and water in place. * Stringent hand washing taking place. * Drying of hands with disposable paper towels. * Members and staff encouraged to protect the skin by applying emollient cream regularly * Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities not readily available   **Ventilation**   * The windows and doors will be kept open to keep the room well ventilated where possible.   **Cleaning**  Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly in the lesson particularly in areas of high use such as the piano, guitar, my Ipad, speakers, door handles, light switches with appropriate cleaning products and methods. Lyric sheets will be handed out on a one to one basis when a projector is not suitable.  Choir members will be advised to use hand sanitizer regularly.  **Track & Trace**  St Lukes Church has a track & trace QR code for anyone entering the venue.  **Positioning for safe singing:**  Choir members will be advised to face towards the projector when singing and in a straight line. Separating to fit the guidelines - the chairs will be arranged to be 2m apart. Please stay 2m apart at all times.  **Social Distancing**  Social Distancing -keeping the number of choir members to no more than 15 in any rehearsal up until June 21st when we will be updated by the government. We will comply with the 2-metre space recommended by the Public Health Agency for singing. <https://www.musiciansunion.org.uk/Home/Advice/covid-19/music-teaching#Facetoface>  Chairs will be placed to keep at a distance.  **Symptoms of Covid-19**  If a member becomes unwell with a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste and smell in the and is advised to follow the stay at home guidance they will let Donna know so that she may contact ‘Track & Trace’.  **Mental Health**  I will promote mental health & wellbeing awareness to students during the Coronavirus outbreak and will offer whatever support I can to help  Reference -  <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>  [www.hseni.gov.uk/stress](http://www.hseni.gov.uk/stress) | Access to Zoom choir sessions will be offered as an alternative to in person choir if members would prefer. |
|  | Lateral Flow Tests | In accordance with government guidelines, getting tested twice a week using a ‘lateral flow test’ is very useful and we will encourage our choir members to do so before coming to our choir rehearsal if they have not had both vaccines yet. |  |