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RISK ASSESSMENT TO ALLOW THE BAND TO RETURN TO PRACTICE FOLLOWING THE EASING OF RESTRICITONS AND SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE NOW AVAILABLE

For details of the legislation see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts>

The Update from Brass Band England (www.bbe.org.uk) has been downloaded and can be found on this [linkhttps://www.dropbox.com/s/to9jo1tmyya1k0o/covidupdate.docx?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/to9jo1tmyya1k0o/covidupdate.docx?dl=0)

Risks

	Level	Actions taken to minimise risk	Risk low enough not to prevent practice	Comments
1 Building:				
1.1 Rooms		Measured and numbers of person allowed agreed	Yes 	
		80 Sq. Metres of space 4 sq. metre per person unless already in a bubble. I.e. members of the same family or families which become one bubble when 2 families were allowed to do so. The large room will be used and the smaller room for storing cases and other personal items to minimise anything within the larger room.	Yes 	
1.2 Fixtures fittings		The lessor will deep clean the building prior to first use	Yes 	
		Before practice, all door handles will be cleaned with viricidal chemicals and during practice once all have taken their seats.	Yes 	

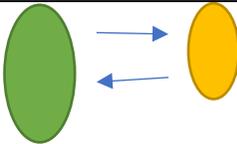
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2.Entrance		Doors will remain open to allow members to arrive without the need to touch them and again opened to allow departure. If possible a separate entrance and exit will be used but this may not be possible as dependent on the lessor.	Yes 	
2.1 Car Parking/Arrival		Will be available at the Hollies, but members can park elsewhere to help social distancing on arrival. Members should maintain social distancing on arrival and follow instructions as to where to leave their cases and personal items and then wait to be allocated a seat. If necessary some personal items may be taken into the large room for safekeeping.	Yes 	
2.2 Hand gel		Hand gel will be available at the entrance and if there is an exit, there too. Hand gel MUST be used by all attendees. Hand gel will be available at all times, but members may wish to bring their own	Yes 	
3.Toilets		The toilets will be cleaned with viricidal chemicals shortly before practice starts and checked during and after practice. Members will be encouraged not to use the toilet facilities if possible. The number of those using the facilities and access to them will be limited at any one time. Only the toilets which are separate rooms will be used, i.e. those opposite the kitchen. Soap and water and hand gel will be available together with disposable paper towels. These towels MUST be placed in the rubbish bag provided and will be removed	Yes, social distancing in place and cross contamination prevented 	

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4.Refreshments		These will not be provided. Those wishing to bring refreshments, drink etc. may do so but keep them to themselves and take all their litter and containers with them on departure.	Yes, this prevents cross contamination 	
5.Seats		These will be set out before practice and wiped as much as possible and should not be moved during practice. Socially distancing requirements will be incorporated in the arrangement of seats. Seats will be arranged so members are not facing each other when near to each other and to minimise face to face for those further away. We are aware that only cornets, the flugel and trombones face forwards so we will endeavour to arrange seats to take into account the direction of the horns as much as possible. We are also aware the science shows the risk to be minimal from what comes out of the horn of any brass instrument. A seating plan will be provided	Yes 	
6. Members		Members must notify the secretary 24 hours before practice of their intention to attend. They MUST not attend if they have any symptoms of the virus. 1. Persistent cough 2. High Temperature 3. Loss of taste or smell. 2. Is self-isolating, in quarantine, or living with someone who is.	Yes, if this is complied with 	
6.1 Assurance		Assurance must be given to the secretary that the member is clear and there will be no testing on arrival. Temperature taking is too inaccurate.	Yes 	

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7. Vulnerable members		Vulnerable members will be allowed to attend as shielding and restrictions on those over 70 have been removed. However additional care will be taken with such members and they must also assure the band that they will behave in a very responsible manner to reduce the risk to themselves or others	Yes 	
7.2		Members should provide their contact details when booking in so a list of participants will be kept, but only for 21 days.		
8. Social distancing		All members must stay seated during each session of practice. Seating arrangements will be provided to maximise the use of the space so that bubbles can be closer together to ensure those not in a bubble are given maximum space. Each bubble will be 2 metres apart. It is imperative that all members when attending agree to respect the social distancing of their colleagues and regrettably no handshakes/hugs etc. will be allowed. Each member will be directed to their seat. On departure members will be required to leave the large room one at a time, or one bubble at a time and collect their personal item and cases and remain as far as possible 2 metres apart	Yes. These measures provide for the required social distancing 	
9. Instruments		Science has shown that there is a minimal aerosol release from instruments when blown and this is indeed less than talking. The band has purchased 'horn covers' for all instruments and these MUST be used during practice. It has been shown that such covers do reduce even further the risk of any aerosol or air from an	Yes. They are safe 	

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		instrument and to do everything possible to reduce such risks these covers have been made available. Horn covers can be taken home by members to wash or left and they will be placed in a bag and taken by the secretary for washing		
10. Condensation/water in instruments		We are all aware that fluid collects in the instruments when they are played and there is the regular need to release that fluid. Such fluid MUST NOT be released on to the floor but collected in a towel/tissues brought by each member. That towel/tissues must be with the member at all times, kept within their area, and used at all times. Not shared with another player and taken home for washing at the end of practice	Yes, this prevents cross contamination	
11. Music etc		Each member is responsible for their own music and must bring it and take it away with them. Music should not be, in general, passed around. It may be necessary if new music is provided but if that takes place hands should be washed with hand gel by all involved before and afterwards	Yes, this prevents cross contamination	
11. 2 Conductor		We will arrange the seating to provide a 3-metre clear zone for the conductor and arrange the room as much as possible so that instruments are not pointing directly at him.	Yes	
11. Face coverings		It is clear that face coverings cannot be worn while instruments are played. However, on arrival and departure when there is the risk of being near to a colleague, where possible face masks should be worn. As all who attend are known to each other and will have booked in and assured the secretary that they	Yes, used only when coming and going	

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		fulfil the criteria in paragraph 6 and providing social distancing is maintained masks will not need to be worn. We see there is less risk than being in a restaurant, and as a list of those who attend will be kept for 21 days by the secretary, the need for 'track and trace' is fulfilled.		
12. Departure		This is in general covered above but the quicker members can leave the building the better and if they want to talk to please do so outside.	Yes, safe	
13. Photographs		It is suggested that photographs are taken during practice to show where everyone is seated. We wish to provide the maximum care and safety and compliance and therefore it is proposed that photos are taken and they will be deleted after 21 days and only used should they be required to fulfil the obligations of 'track and trace'.	Provided 	
14. Permission/GDPR		It is expected that all members attending allow their details and the photos to be kept for 21 days		
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