

ONLINE LESSONS

PARENT INFORMATION

Lotus Centre is now offering online music lessons! Online lessons allow students to learn music from the comfort of their own home and are available for people of all ages and abilities!

Online lessons provide an alternative form of music learning when face-to-face learning is not accessible. However, if you're never tried online learning, it can be hard to know what to expect. Below is some information for parents to help prepare you and your child for their first online music lesson!

Lesson Set-up

- Set up the instrument in a quiet space, free from distractions. If possible, set up your child in an empty room away from pets, siblings, etc. This will minimize distractions during the lesson and cut down on noise that can interfere with your child or their teacher's ability to hear
- Set up the lesson in a well-lit area. This will make it easier to see what your child is playing
- Make sure the device volume is turned up and adjust the microphone audio so your child can hear the teacher and vice versa
- For piano lessons, have your child sit at the piano. Place the device beside the piano so the teacher can easily see the keyboard, as well as the student hands, upper body, and face. Your child should be able to easily turn and interact with their teacher through the device

What you need

- Instrument - Your child will need their instrument (piano, guitar, etc.) during the online lesson
- Device - You will need a laptop, tablet, etc. to participate in the lesson
- Music books - Your child will need their regular music books on hand for easy access during the lesson
- Pens and paper - Have some pens, pencils, and paper handy to write down practice instructions or make notes in the music
- Other - Your teacher may want you to have other materials ready, so make sure to ask if you should have anything else on hand!

- Try placing the device a few feet on either side of the piano bench, with the screen perpendicular to the keyboard. Below are some examples of what the camera angle can look like.
- If you're using a phone, you can also try placing the device on the end of the piano.



Other Tips

- Make sure your device is plugged in or fully charged before starting the lesson
- If possible, avoid having other family members streaming videos or downloading files during the lesson. Heavy internet use can affect connection during online lessons, resulting in technical problems
- It is usually helpful to have a parent present during the online lesson (especially for the first few!) Parents can help with technical issues and can help students adapt to receiving virtual instructions
- Expect the unexpected! Online lessons will look different than traditional lessons, and that's ok! Your child's piano teacher is there to work with you and your child to figure out what works best. As a team, you can work together to enjoy online music lessons!

Online lessons allow for flexible scheduling and can offer extra lesson opportunities. Students have the option to participate in extra lessons (full 30-minute lessons) throughout the week or do a mid-week check-in (15-minutes) with their teacher. Ask your teacher for more information!



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