

COVID-19 Policy Updates - July 29th, 2020

In school's premisses

- 88Keys Team will wear masks or face shields while in school. Nothing personal: We want to protect you :-)
- Parent's are required to wear a mask or a face covering while in the school premisses
- **Student's face covering:**
 - Students enrolled in **JAC1 and UP** or individual students aged 10 and up are required to wear mask/face covering/ face shield at all times.
 - Students enrolled in **MW, JMC1-JMC4 and YMC1- YMC3** will be required to wear transparent face shields during singing activities. The school will provide one face shield per student for the duration of the school year, and we ask parents to ensure that those are available at every lesson - **no exceptions**. If a face shield is lost or forgotten, a new one will be available at the front desk for purchase.
- Parents and students are asked to use hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes to sanitize keyboards prior to the class. Both will be provided, assuming the supplies are available for purchase.
- Use of washrooms will be limited, so we kindly ask parents to have kids to take a bathroom break at home prior to heading to the school
- Class times have been staggered to limit people entering and leaving the building at once
- Students are asked to enter the school no earlier than 5 minutes prior to the start of their class and head straight to the designated classroom.
- Parents and Students are asked to leave the class/school as soon as their class is over to avoid overcrowding.
- We encourage the use of email/ phone for any questions or inquiries. If you need to speak with one of the staff members in-person, kindly request an appointment by email and we will do our best to arrange for the meeting.

Parents in the class/ Waiting area:

- **JMC 1 & 2, and YMC 1** one parent per student rule will remain in place. Parent's participation is one of the key success factors, particularly for the first couple of years of the program.
- Due to the number of people/per room restriction, we will not be able to accommodate unenrolled siblings and/or extra family members
- The same applies to the beginning of the year for **JMC 3's** and **YMC 2's** until students make the transition to sitting in classrooms alone
- **JMC 4/ YMC 3 and up:** Students are expected to attend the classes alone. This will help us with managing the number of people in the classroom. Parents are welcome to join online from outside of the school or simply arrange for student's drop-off / pick up.
- Parents of students taking **individual classes** may choose to stay in the class or will otherwise need to drop off and pick up.
- No one will be allowed to remain in the waiting area, other than students waiting for pickup
- Students will be required to wear masks/ face covering while waiting for pickup
- Drop-off/ Pick-up arrangements must be in place for siblings attending consecutive classes

We understand that unfortunately, the following policies pose an inconvenience and may complicate personal schedules, so we encourage you to reach out if you need to reschedule a sibling to a concurrent class or a different day to meet these requirements.

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Online vs In-person attendance

In-person classes will resume in September 2020, subject to Government orders and regulations. Students may choose to continue attending online and should be prepared for online delivery as several occasions will require it:

- If a teacher is sick, the class will be delivered online, assuming the teacher is able to conduct the lesson from the comfort of his/her home; otherwise a substitute teacher or a makeup class will be arranged
- Students/ Parents with any symptoms of a common cold/flu are asked to stay home and join the lesson online. We apologize in advance, but students and/or parents who are sick, will not be allowed to enter the school premises.
- Yamaha Group Class makeups will only be available in online format

Students that opt to continue online lessons even when an in-person opportunity exists, are welcome to do so. All classrooms are optimized for Hybrid ZOOM lessons and we will do our best to ensure adequate online experience for our remote students.

We plan to continue to provide video recording of the group classes to be used as an extra aid during home practicing. Video recording can be accessed via Student's WellnessLiving Account for viewing/ re-play. Video recordings will not be available for download and will be kept for 1 week only.

Although the intent is to resume all classes in-person, there are several factors that may trigger a need to continue with online delivery at times - whether students or our teachers are sick, OR the Government mandates it - fortunately we have prepared for this in advance.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience it may cause, and trust you to help us to keep our school safe for everyone.

We hope those restrictions and limitations will not stay forever and we will be able to return to our regular normal soon!