

**NEWENT ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY REHEARSALS GUIDANCE as of 16 August 2021**

**WELCOME BACK! WE HOPE YOU HAVE AN ENJOYABLE TIME BUT PLEASE KEEP APART AND AND BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS' WISHES**

**We ask you to follow the following guidance when attending rehearsals so that we can operate safely**

Do wear a mask if you want to - the Community Centre owners are **encouraging us to wear them** although there is no compulsion

**Before rehearsal**

There is no need to pre-book as we are no longer limited to the 30 people attending that was required under the previous legal requirements

**Our main way to operate Covid-safe is to keep the virus away from rehearsals, so it is important that you do not attend if:**

- you have symptoms / feel unwell
- you have tested positive (PCR or Lateral flow)
- you have been told to self isolate
- someone you have close contact with has tested positive

**Upon arrival**

You may wish to have a face mask with you (and maybe an instrument bell cover if playing wind or brass)

Wind and brass players, please bring a cloth to wipe up drips

Chairs will have been set out with labelling of sections

Please keep apart if queueing to enter

**Please sanitise your hands on entering**

The venue will have been cleaned after the previous users

Register your attendance on our register with Bill - use of Test and Trace QR scan is no longer required

**During rehearsal**

**Because we cannot absolutely guarantee that an infected person will not attend, please observe the following instructions to help us minimise transmission risk:**

Keep apart as far as possible when in the Community Centre and be respectful of others' space

If you wish, wear your face mask and use your instrument bell cover

We will keep doors and windows open to ventilate the space all the time we are attending - consider bringing warm clothing in cold weather

Follow any protocols the venue has in place - see posters

Minimise how much you touch anything

Bring your own music stand. Use hand sanitiser if you have to share anything

For now we will avoid serving refreshments to avoid the crowding that it causes. Bring your own and consume them outside - the hall will be emptied during the break

Minimise how much you enter other parts of the Centre and avoid touching surfaces

If you use the toilets, clean surfaces after use with the supplied sanitising wipes that are there

**After rehearsal**

Clean up any drops of liquid that have fallen from your instrument and dispose of the tissue in a waste bin

**Leave your chair in place** as you leave so that we can sanitise them all after use

**Let Colin or Bill know if you test positive for Covid-19 during the week after attending**

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**If you have any difficulties with any of these items of guidance, please let Colin or Bill know. We will do everything we can to help get you back playing!**