



VILLANOVA COLLEGE

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Dear Instrumental Music Parents

Through correspondence sent home through the Principal's Office, you are no doubt aware that Villanova College is working proactively with its community to do its part in slowing the spread of Covid-19. The communication within the College relates directly with the importance of general hygiene and in particular, the effective washing of hands with soap and water. Given the nature of work within our department, I would like to advise you all of measures we are undertaking to support this education program.

- **Students are to use the hand sanitiser when signing in for IM lessons.** Students use the touch-screen kiosk in the foyer of the music office to note their attendance at Instrumental Music. There is a bottle of hand sanitiser there beside the kiosk. **We ask that students use this before using the kiosk when entering and leaving the building.**
- **Instruments are not to be shared.** Students who have College instruments will have one instrument allocated to them to use alone. The only exception will be those percussion instruments that require holding/striking, the Double Basses, classroom instruments; however, the risk seems to be low as the information currently received suggests the virus does not live long on hard porous surfaces (such as wood). **Students who play Tuba, Baritone Saxophone who are sharing instruments must use their own mouthpiece WITHOUT EXCEPTION.**
- **If your son forgets his instrument for a lesson, we cannot loan a school instrument from the storage room.** However, due to the current climate we will not be able to make these lessons up. We ask that your son attends at his regular time regardless so that we may cover any music theory or aural training exercises that will complement his learning.

Of course, we continue to support and communicate the whole-of-College education program around effective hand washing and general good hygiene.

Should you have any concerns regarding any of these processes above, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Jones me through the Villanova College Music Office.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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Director of Music