

Online Lessons FAQs

How are online lessons conducted?

At a pre-arranged time, we begin the lesson. I will be in my piano teaching studio in front of my piano / desk. The student will similarly be at their piano with all learning materials to hand. For Under 18s, a parent/guardian will need to set up the online connection via phone/computer and be present in the vicinity for safeguarding issues.

What equipment/ set up do we need?

We will need a relatively quiet room for the student to promote focus. You do not need any complicated equipment, but a reliable high-speed internet connection will help! A smartphone or tablet will do and we will make a mutual decision about which online platform to use.

The ones I use are Whatsapp, Skype, Facetime and Zoom. We will start with a trial session to test out visuals and sound.

The chosen phone/computer will have to be set up with the camera pointing along the keyboard from the side of the piano. Most people simply prop their equipment up on a side table or chair.

What about homework and lessons notes?

Younger students - I will take notes during the lesson and email them to the parent together with assignments/projects. Older students and adults may wish to make their own notes. Learning materials will be emailed by attachment if necessary. Any homework that needs to be marked can be sent back to me via a simple photo.

Are online lessons of a lesser quality compared to lessons delivered in person?

No, an online lesson simply changes the mechanism of delivery. The quality of a lesson is determined by the teacher's experience, knowledge, and ability to communicate, and the student's ability and willingness to listen/focus. The content remains the same. Students will receive the same exercises, repertoire, theory work, musical games, musical projects.

Not everyone will enjoy online lessons and the best way to decide if they are suitable for you is to try one out. Please get in touch to arrange a **free trial** to help you make a more informed decision.