#### **GRAVESHAM CHORAL SOCIETY**

Covid-19 Risk Assessment for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 7:15pm to 9:00pm and subsequent Wednesdays at Northfleet School for Girls, Hall Rd, Northfleet, Gravesend, DA11 8QA. It is subject to the Covid-19 infection rate and any government restrictions that may be reimposed.

# Testing for Covid-19 & avoiding infection (transmission risks: aerosol, droplet)

#### Possible mitigations and actions.

- Members make own health assessment before rehearsals and stay away if they have any symptoms, have tested, positive, or are self-isolating or quarantining.
- Members are advised to take a lateral flow test before attending rehearsals. (This is for your protection and the protection of others).
- Anyone becoming unwell during rehearsal (together with any close contact) should go home and follow NHS procedures.
- Any member testing positive following a rehearsal should inform the secretary or membership secretary who will then inform all members.
- Members to ensure secretary and membership secretary have up-to-date telephone numbers and email addresses in order to inform everyone as above.

#### Adequate ventilation (transmission risk: aerosol)

- Room ventilated before rehearsal with doors kept open during rehearsal.
- Use face coverings on entry until seated in position, and when exiting.

## Protect surface spread of virus (transmission risk: surface)

- Hand sanitiser provided at entrance.
- Hand soap provided in toilets.
- Do not share vocal scores.
- A safe system for the distribution/purchase of scores will be in place.
- Choir chairs set out (as per MD's seating plan) and returned.

#### Enable safe check-in (transmission risks: aerosol, droplet, surface)

- Members to tick their names on arrival on voice section register.
- Members to avoid close contact queues.

Updated 1/4/22 (minor revisions)

#### Responsible

Each individual, following government advice

Each individual

Each individual

Each individual, Sheila Buchanan on 01474 812726 or Mike Hickie on 01474 393136

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## Communicate and train (transmission risks: aerosol, droplet, surface)

## Possible mitigations and actions.

- Risk Assessment and further guidance sent to all members prior to first rehearsal in autumn 2021.
- Risk Assessment posted on choir website.
- Verbal safety reminders announced at rehearsals.

### Social distancing / flow of people: (transmission risks: droplet)

- 1m social distancing where possible at all times.
- Avoid close queueing at pinch points, e.g. entrance/exit, score collection

## Singing (transmission risks: aerosol, droplet)

- 1m distancing in and between staggered rows of chairs (as per seating plan).
- 2m distancing between front row, and conductor and accompanist.
- Members encouraged to warm up individually before arrival.
- Warm up exercises to avoid aerosol spread.
- Limit singing volume as guided by conductor.
- Some members may choose to continue to wear face covering whilst singing.

#### Responsible

Alan Vincent and Sheila Buchanan Lisa Behague Janet Blease

Each individual, following government advice Each individual

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