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## **CANCELLATION OF LESSONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

I will have spoken to most pupils by phone, but I put this here for general publication, to explain what is happening.

It is with much regret that I have to advise that **all lessons are suspended until further notice**. This is due, of course, to the escalating Coronavirus situation.

The first stage of precautionary requirements we were okay with. (Unlike some other teaching places). I was able to re-arrange our studio slightly to ensure we followed appropriate social-distancing of at least 1.5 metres separation. We were also able to meet the 4 square-metres per person rule. (Just). I introduced a process of regularly sanitising my hands as well as fixtures like door-knobs, the music-stand, my desk etc. As well as spraying the room with Glen 20 in between lessons when able. But then the situation with the virus got worse.

From 23<sup>rd</sup> March many places were forced to close, such as hotels, clubs, even churches. There was a general forced closure of “non-essential services”. Music lessons are, in effect, a “non-essential service”. Details were hard to establish but I think that, legally, we may have been okay; as these closures were (at the time I first wrote this) aimed more at groups of people, rather than one-to-one situations. But the message, particularly over the last 24 hours, has clearly been to limit movement in the community: if you don’t *have* to go out, then the authorities want you not to go. This virus is being spread by people moving in the community and interacting with other people, and by touching surfaces etc. So, as much as I might have been able to *legally* continue, **ethically I really have to play my part and close the service down**.

There is also the issue of my own vulnerability. I am, quite obviously, in the “more vulnerable” category – that of being old! And while, thankfully, I don’t have any health issues (*other than a dodgy back*), the general advice to people of my age group is to avoid social contact as much as possible. So continuing teaching is probably not a good idea for me.

At this stage I don’t know what the future holds. We don’t know how long these restrictions will be in place (although a period of possibly 6 months has been mentioned), and of course we don’t know when the threat of this virus will pass. So at this stage it is wait-and-see.

**I am grieved at having to do this:** I enjoy teaching! I will miss it. I will also miss seeing my pupils. I have always tried to conduct our lessons in a friendly atmosphere, and so with many, if not most, pupils there is a degree of friendship there too; and I will miss that.

So please feel welcome to stay in touch. Call me if you have a question; or even to let me know how you are going. Please check **my Facebook page** (look for “*Elwyn Jordan Music Tuition*”) for news and interesting bits-and-pieces.

When the situation changes, I will be in touch. Until then, Best Wishes, and stay well.

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