

DUKES and ATOP POST-COVID RESTART – JANUARY 2022

I am delighted to announce we are returning to our in-person sessions!

The DUKES sessions will commence Monday, 17th January at Dumfries Baptist Church Centre (DBCC): 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm – 8.15 pm (Please note the new timings).

A Touch of Purple (ATOP) will commence Thursday, 20th January at Colvend Public Hall (CPH): 4.15 pm – 5.15 pm and 5.45 pm – 6.45 pm.

DBCC (DUMFRIES BAPTIST CHURCH CENTRE)

MAIN SESSIONS*

6.00 PM – 7.00 PM THE EASY PEASY HOUR BEGINNERS AND UPWARDS

7.15 PM – 8.15 PM DUKES JAM IMPROVERS AND UPWARDS

DUKES JAM – DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES PER MONDAY OF THE MONTH

1ST & 5TH OWN CHOICE
2ND FOCUS ON CHORDS, STRUMS AND PICKS
3RD WORKSHOP: IMPROVER – ADVANCED
4TH DUKESTRA

BEGINNERS' INDUCTION EACH WEEK – 6.00 PM – 8.15 PM*

**D&G Term-time only*

In the highlighted sections, below, please read *two metres* instead of *one metre* for the Scottish Government Guidance applicable to a three-week period from 26th December 2021. When advised to do so, we will revert to one metre.

I know many of you will have questions about facemasks and distancing, so I thought it would be useful to pass on what we have found out:

The Scottish Government changed the guidance from 10th September meaning that, although you must still wear a mask when moving around the building, you may remove your mask when seated and taking part in the session*. Please note that Members will be placed one metre apart (household bubbles may sit next to each other but should maintain one metre from other individuals or bubbles). Of course, you may continue to wear a mask or visor when seated if you feel more comfortable doing so. We have consulted local Public Health officials in deciding on whether (and how) to restart and have geared our risk-assessment accordingly.

To minimise cross-contamination, tables and therefore table-top stands will no longer be employed. Members will be required to bring their own sturdy music stands (robust enough to hold 'The Big Fat File' comfortably).

By way of reassurance, here is a summary of these and other measures which will be in place.

- Members will bring their own collapsible music stands.
- Wherever possible members are to print off** handouts/music at home and bring to the session. This is to reduce the risk of cross-contamination and to minimise the escalating printing costs.
- Members will bring their own pencils.
- Members will take all handouts/music with them at the end of the session.
- All members will sit forward facing.
- Members will be placed one metre apart and the room ventilated. Household bubbles may sit next to each other but should maintain one metre from other individuals or bubbles.

- Members will provide and use their own hand sanitiser and wipes etc. although there will be supplies of hand gel at the venue.
- The use of masks when moving around the building is mandatory (except exemptions).
- The use of masks/visors when seated is optional.
- The group leader will be covid and temperature testing himself before coming to the session and members will be strongly encouraged to do the same.
- A register of attendance will be kept (for track and trace purposes).

**Just for more information for those of you who might wonder about performance groups: Participants do not have to wear facemasks or distance if they are rehearsing on stage. This does not apply to us for our weekly groups but may be useful to know for future performances.*

***Music can be downloaded and printed from the DUKES/ATOP RESOURCES PAGE on the website: www.theukuleletutor.com.*