

Online Drum Lesson Guidelines

Owing to the current COVID-19 outbreak, it is now possible to have drum lessons remotely, from the comfort of your home.

What you will need

- A device: a laptop, tablet or smartphone running either Facetime or Skype.
- Headphones: if possible, wear these for the lesson.
- A good Wi-Fi connection.
- My mobile number – available upon enquiry.

Setting up your equipment

To avoid wasting time setting things up during the lesson, test your device and be ready 10 minutes before your lesson. Getting your device set up correctly is important. Ideally, your camera needs to be pointing at your drum kit rather than you. A slightly raised view over the left shoulder is good, but other angles work too, so have a play around. Show as much of your kit as possible:



Mobile phones / iPads should be mounted rather than handheld. If the camera image is constantly moving around, it can be difficult to follow what's going on.

Backing Tracks and Metronomes

If you don't have a music playback system set up, we can work around this, but try to get something in place so that it's possible to play along to backing tracks during the lessons. Ideally, sort out a metronome that you can operate. Again, we can get by without one, but you should really be practising with one regardless!

Teaching Materials

It may be necessary for me to email you worksheets. I will make sure that you get these a few days in advance to give you time to print them out.

If your child is under 16

If your child is under 16, help them to get set up and stay with them for the duration of the lesson. You will be acting as my remote teaching assistant(!) and may be required to start / stop backing tracks.