**PCYM Parents in Lessons Policy**

Whilst we understand there may occasionally be benefits to having parents in students' lessons, there are also many circumstances where it can have a negative impact. As a large music school, with a nearly 200 students across a large building we must always make safeguarding our young people a priority meaning a need to minimise the number of visiting adults on site at any one time.

The following outlines when it is permitted for parents/carers to attend students' lessons at PCYM.

In line with our safeguarding policy, any parent/carer attending a lesson/session MUST:

* make themselves known at the front desk
* sign in, wear a red Visitor lanyard
* be escorted to/from the room by a PCYM member of Staff or Volunteer (Green Lanyard).

Group sessions

* Parents MUST attend Musical Prelude and Music Inclusive for ratio, engagement and support reasons.
* Parents have the option to attend Music Starts Here! but it is not compulsory.
* Parents are NOT PERMITTED to attend ANY Musicianship, Ensemble, Singing or Production Sessions.

Individual Lessons

* In agreement with the teacher, parents have the option to attend (but it is not compulsory):
  + a student's trial lesson
  + lessons of a student in Reception-Year 2
  + lessons of a student with SEND
* Parents are NOT permitted to attend the lessons of students in school years 3+ unless in the circumstances outline above.

Should a parent/carer wish to talk with a teacher they should do one of the following:

* email [kirsten.goldthorp@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:kirsten.goldthorp@peterborough.gov.uk)
* speak with them before/after PCYM or during the break

A report with formal feedback for each individual lesson will be sent annually at the end of the summer term.