**Protocol for Woodfield Singers May 2021**

**(to be read alongside general Covid19 risk assessments)**

Taking account of the evidence, and if other national and local guidance on the control of COVID-19 is followed, singing is considered safer when the following actions are taken:

1. As required by national guidance, people with symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, or who are known to have been in recent contact with others who have COVID-19, do not participate in singing or attend singing events.
2. Track and Trace in place; sanitisers etc in place. Procedure if anyone feels or falls ill (As Church of England protocols)
3. Singing takes place only in larger well-ventilated space St Peter’s Church , or outdoors St Peter’s Church Swepstone
4. Performance or rehearsal is for limited periods of time at a reduced level of loudness, using microphones for amplification if available. Beginning with 1 hour.
5. Limited numbers of people sing together – up to 20 in Swepstone church
6. Singers will be spaced at least 2 metres apart in all directions (at least 1 metre apart if the additional measures or controls recommended in government [COVID-19](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts)
7. Singers will be given copies of words or music to take home for future sessions
8. Leader will be at the steps of the Chancel.

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