

Hybrid Approach — Description and Application for Return to Learn (RTL)

November 1, 2020 – December 20, 2020.

The success of this transition will be determined by how we as a community of parents, students and teachers can follow and adhere to the established guidelines.

The RTL Plan for November 1 adopted by the Preucil School of Music features two parts:

1. **All Virtual** lessons by students/families/teachers wishing to not return face to face (F2F).
2. **Hybrid Approach** focusing on bringing students back F2F in a safe manner. Curriculum will include: Instrument lessons, Espressivo, Cello Choir, Junior Cello Choir and Con Brio only.

Hybrid Approach Description:

In this approach, students will have a F2F lesson every other week with teachers alternating their lessons within their daily schedules.

Example 1 – Shows just the basic rotation of Virtual and F2F. This type of rotation would happen throughout the week. Then Week 2 those lessons that received a F2F would be Virtual.

- **Monday of Week 1**

Virtual

F2F

Virtual

F2F

- **Monday of Week 2**

F2F

Virtual

F2F

Virtual

Example 2 – A teacher's schedule may also look something like this or a variation of this:

Week 1

Virtual

Virtual (not a hybrid student)

F2F

Virtual

F2F

Week 2

F2F

Virtual (not a hybrid student)

Virtual

F2F

Virtual

This Hybrid Approach of alternating weekly within daily schedules offers several important things:

1. Provides greater safety to the students, parents and teachers.
2. Reduces the number of people in the building at any given time, thus reducing contact by our families coming for their lessons. There would be no families coming back to back for lessons.
3. All teachers are provided with two locations to teach; One studio for F2F lessons and the second studio for virtual teaching. This will allow the F2F studio to air out for 30 minutes or longer. When finished with F2F lesson, teacher will sanitize common surfaces and ventilate the studio before teaching a virtual lesson.

What happens in the case where there are families with siblings?

If teachers have families with siblings, 60 minutes is the maximum time a room can be used before it is ventilated. This would allow for two, 30-minute back to back lessons with siblings in the same family. If those two siblings take 45-minute lessons each, there needs to be a break in between lessons for ventilation to occur. If this is not convenient in a parents schedule, the lesson needs to be rescheduled. Please remember that if we want to come back F2F, it is vital that we also try to be flexible with our schedules. This includes not only teachers, but parents as well.

How long can a large group (Con Brio, Junior Cello Choir, Cello Choir and Espressivo) meet before a room needs to be cleared? 15-20 maximum participants plus conductor and accompanist. This plan is for November 1 - December 20 and may be adjusted after January 1.

All large groups should meet no longer than 60 minutes before it is time to clear the space. Ventilating and sanitizing would then occur once people leave. Depending on when the class meets, the teacher or possibly custodial staff will sanitize and put the furniture away.