

Letter to parents/guardians

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I'm contacting you with a great opportunity for your child to make music at home during the COVID-19 lockdown. As an Open Orchestras school, we've been given increased access to the award-winning Clarion™ instrument until 31 August 2020. During this period, it is free for all our students to try and play at home - whether they currently participate in our school orchestra or not. You don't need any musical skills to try it!

Clarion™ is an expressive accessible instrument developed for young disabled people by charity Open Up Music. Downloadable on iPad or Windows PC devices, it works seamlessly with Eyegaze computers and can be played using movement from any part of the body, including fingers or eye movement (like Ella here <https://bit.ly/ClarionplayerElla>).



How do I download the Clarion™ at home?

Head over to the Clarion™ website at <https://bit.ly/clarionmusic> and watch one of the short videos on the Download page. That will show you how to download and install Clarion™ for either iPad or Windows devices. There are also a few videos on the website to help you get started making music. Open Up Music will continue adding films to the website over the summer.

Once you have downloaded and installed Clarion™, you will need the following login details to start using it (don't forget to include the full stops in the password!)

Username: Summer2020

Password: start.group.745

Finally: if you experience any problems downloading and using Clarion™, please email info@openupmusic.org.