



PARENT/GUARDIAN & PUPIL CONSENT FORM

Name of Teacher

As a member of the European Piano Teachers' Association UK, I abide by its Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

I may need to guide the pupil's hand, arm or shoulder in order to teach good piano technique. Therefore, I am asking permission from both you and the pupil(s) in advance. The parent/guardian/carer is welcome to attend the lessons.

Please complete the following, sign and return before lessons begin:

Name of Child(ren).....

Date(s) of Birth

Parent/Guardian/Carer

Address

.....Postcode.....

Tel (day) Tel (evening)

Mobile Email

Do any of the pupils named here suffer from any medical conditions/allergies that the piano teacher should be aware of (including any current medication)? If so please specify.

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CONSENT (please read carefully)

I agree to the above-named child(ren) receiving lessons from.....
and for the teacher to use touch on occasion in order to encourage correct piano technique.

Signature(Parent/Guardian/Carer)

Date

CONSENT (please read carefully)

I agree to receiving lessons from
and for the teacher to use touch on occasion in order to encourage correct piano technique.

Signature(s)(Pupil(s))

Date

EPTA UK CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFEGUARDING POLICY (relevant sections)

The European Piano Teachers' Association UK Ltd (EPTA UK) is a limited company and a registered charity. Its aims are to promote excellence in piano teaching and performance, to bring teachers and performers together, and to raise standards within the profession. EPTA UK members should, therefore, adopt the highest standards of professional integrity in all their contacts with students, pupils, parents, colleagues and other professionals, at all times and in all places.

For all teachers, this means:

1. Recognizing a duty of care towards all students and pupils
2. Establishing a clear contract with students and pupils or their responsible adults
3. Ensuring that they and the premises from which they are working are equipped to a proper professional standard for their teaching
4. Maintaining courtesy, and respect in all their dealings with students and pupils, and never putting them, or allowing them to put you, in any situation which could be construed as compromising
5. Maintaining courtesy, and respect in all their dealings with parents and the schools in which they work
6. Avoiding exaggerated claims in advertising and only offering to teach those who approach them
7. If at the receiving end of unfair allegations, dishonest, harassing, bullying or abusive behaviour, getting in touch with the Administrator or Designated Safeguarding Person (DSP)

This policy and the associated procedures are specifically focused on children. For the purposes of this policy and the associated procedures, a child is someone who has not yet reached their 18th birthday. EPTA UK also acknowledges its obligations to ensure the safety of vulnerable adults (persons aged 18 or over who are, or may be, due to illness, mental or physical disability, unable to protect themselves from significant harm or exploitation). EPTA UK expects its members to apply the same safeguarding principles and high standards of conduct in relation to the teaching of vulnerable adults as are expected in relation to the teaching of children. EPTA UK members seeking advice in relation to teaching vulnerable adults should contact the Designated Safeguarding Person.

1. EPTA UK is committed to practices which protect children from harm. In particular:
 - a. EPTA UK recognises that good child protection policies and procedures are of benefit to everyone involved with EPTA UK, including staff and members
 - b. EPTA UK has child protection procedures which should be adhered to by EPTA UK members and staff
 - c. All those applying to be a full member of EPTA UK will be informed of the charity's child protection policies and procedures, and be advised that concerns in relation to a member's professional misconduct with children will be acted on (see Disciplinary Procedures below)
2. While EPTA UK is committed to practices which protect children from harm, it is also committed to supporting members who become the subject of unfounded allegations in relation to professional conduct with children
3. It should be noted that it is necessary for EPTA UK to record information relating to any allegation or disclosure regarding possible misconduct with children, and EPTA UK may be required to report concerns to the authorities (see Disciplinary Procedures below)

EPTA UK Safeguarding Code of Practice

Any physical contact with pupils can be potentially subject to misinterpretation or even malicious allegations. The best advice is to avoid touching your pupils and to develop strategies for teaching through demonstration and modelling. If a teacher feels that touching is essential to their pedagogic style, they are to obtain prior permission in writing from the parent and pupil; and will encourage a parent/guardian to attend the lessons.

Teachers should not...

1. Take children alone in a car on journeys, however short, unless with the prior consent of the child's parent or guardian, and then only in exceptional circumstances.
2. Make suggestive or inappropriate remarks to or about a child, even in fun, as this could be misinterpreted. Inappropriate remarks include innuendo, swearing, and the discussing of anyone's intimate relationships.
3. Communicate directly with children by email or text messages. Any such contact should only be with the prior consent of the child's parent or guardian. If electronic communication is necessary, the best practice is to communicate via parents or guardians.
4. Communicate personally with children via Twitter, Facebook or other social media.
5. Behave in a way which could be construed as 'grooming' (for example giving a child money, presents or favours, or talking or behaving in an inappropriate or unprofessional manner towards them).