



I have really enjoyed teaching over the last weeks, during this time of change. We often complain about technology but I've come to see a lot of positives over these weeks with technology, and how it can help us in these unusual times.

Congratulations on getting to grips with Zoom. I've been impressed with how some of the kids have taken charge of the Zoom set-up in their homes!

As we are entering into The Easter break, I thought it would be useful for me to share some tips on incorporating piano into your new routines, and keep your child's love for music alive.

- ♪ Younger children may need some basic help with reading my lesson notes and practice reminders, or simply **an appreciative ear** listening to them play or practice.
- ♪ I would recommend **providing 'reasons' for your children to practice**. Family members who are not in physical contact with you right now would LOVE to have recorded performances or live FaceTime performances of your child's music making. Preparing for any sort of performance is very motivating for students, and your videos can be easily shared via WhatsApp or other social media.
- ♪ All educators will stress the importance of predictability for learners, particular in times of great change. It would be great if you could **set aside a specific time each day** for 'piano practice time'.
- ♪ I would love to continue to **showcase great playing by students** on the [SkerriesPiano Facebook page](#), so please do continue to send your photos, video and audio recordings to me. It can be motivating for other students to hear their peers playing, too.
- ♪ I will continue to put **inspiring music** on [Skerries Piano](#) and I encourage you to show these to your kids. What teen doesn't want to play more piano after seeing a cool rendition of 'Despacito' online?

After the break I will continue to provide students with fun, motivating material that they will be excited to practice and I look forward to keeping the piano as a constant and source of joy in their lives during this time.

As always, if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask!

I look forward to seeing you all again in the week beginning 20th of April.

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Many thanks for all your support to your young musician during this period.
Have a wonderful, music-filled Easter Holiday!