



Virtual Ukulele First Access Guidance Notes For Teachers

Many thanks for choosing our videos to help you teach your students to learn the ukulele. This course is primarily aimed at Y4 children although the material is designed to be flexible to teach and be engaging to students across KS2.

Before You Start

1. The course has been designed alongside and to cover the elements in the document '[First Access Teaching and Learning Recommendations](#)' which should be read.
2. All staff delivering the sessions must either attend the remote CPD, or download the recorded session if unable to attend, in order to be fully prepared. The session will cover important aspects of teaching Ukulele which are best explained/demonstrated in person, practically (even if virtual), and of course will provide the opportunity to ask questions.
3. If you're new to the ukulele we recommend watching all the videos to familiarise yourself with the material before delivering the lessons.
4. Familiarise yourself with the objectives and assessment sheet provided, as this must be submitted back to your SoundStorm Music Coordinator at the end of the course, in order for us to fulfil our Arts Council commitments

How to use these videos

Below is a list of all the videos and topics covered in each lesson. All of the videos end with a recap of the lesson and, after Video 1, start with a recap of the previous lesson. We recommend stopping the videos if/when you feel you need to repeat certain sections and please note that the duration of the videos varies (from 13m 10s to 27m 58s). All of the durations are listed below to help you plan your lessons. There is enough learning material to cover the minimum of a First Access course, which is 1 term , or 10 consecutive weeks.

Tuning

Do make sure you understand how to tune your ukulele before starting this course as it will need to be done at the start of every lesson. Rob will cover the practicalities of this in detail in the remote CPD, so please make sure you attend one of the sessions offered. We recommend using and downloading this electronic tuning app onto a school iPad which you can use <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fender-tune-guitar-tuner/id1107017950> and which is also available for Android. Once you are sure of your knowledge, you can train the class to do their own instrument!

VIDEO 1

Duration: 13m 10s

Intro music: *KISS by Prince*

Parts of the Ukulele

How to Hold Your Ukulele

How to Strum Your Ukulele

Note Names of The Strings

Rhythm

Playing Your First Chord (C chord)

Combining the C Chord with Rhythm

VIDEO 2

Duration: 20m 38s

Intro music: *NO SURPRISES by Radiohead*

A minor chord

How to Read Chord Diagrams

Fadd9 Chord

Playing the Fadd9 Chord with a Drumbeat

Chord Progression

How to Practise Changing the Chords



VIDEO 3

Duration: 17m 39s

Intro music: *CISSY STRUT* by *The Meters*

Melody (Greedy Cats Eat Anything by Rob Palmer)

Combining Rhythm, Melody and Harmony

F Chord

VIDEO 5

Duration: 23m 57s

Intro music: *C JAM BLUES* by *Duke Ellington*

Question and Answer Strumming

G7 chord

Chord Progression for Greedy Cats Eat Anything

Melody for C Jam Blues

Shuffle (Swing) Rhythm

VIDEO 7

Duration: 27m 58s

Intro music: *BACK IN BLACK* by *AC/DC*

Full Arrangement of C Jam Blues

Z chord

VIDEO 4

Duration: 25m 4s

Intro music: *SMOKE ON THE WATER* by *Deep Purple*

Creating an Arrangement

Upstrums

VIDEO 6

Duration: 24m 51s

Intro music: *UPTOWN FUNK* by *Mark Ronson/Bruno*

Mars

Full Arrangement of Greedy Cats Eat Anything

Chord Progression for C Jam Blues (New chords A7, D7,

E7)

There are some key musical terms talked about during the lessons and these are listed below. Please refer to **SoundStorm's Primary Progression Map Glossary** for any explanations of terms.

Melody

Harmony

Rhythm

Chord

Bar

Tempo

Chord progression

Chord diagram

Arrangement

Strumming pattern

Swing (shuffle) rhythm

By the end of the lessons we would expect your students to be familiar with the above terms, know the following chord shapes: C, Fadd9, Am, F, G7, A7, D7, E7 and be able to play the melody to Greedy Cats Eat Anything and C Jam Blues.