

## **MUSIC FOR YOUTH GUIDANCE ON PERFORMANCE LICENSING**

*Performances by children of statutory school age (16 and under) are governed by The Children and Young Persons Acts 1933 and 1963. As of February 2015, the government passed updated regulations around child performances – the **Children (Performances and Activities) (England) Regulations 2014**.*

*MFY holds a **Body of Persons Approval** from the Secretary of State for Education for all events between 2 February 2018 and 13 November 2019. We also negotiate protocols with Child Safeguarding Teams (host Local Authorities) which must be adhered to by all group leaders or relevant personnel responsible for bringing young people of statutory school age to MFY performance events.*

1. All group leaders must compile the **REQUIRED INFORMATION** listed below, for each child in their group (per group). We have put together a proforma to assist you in compiling this data. This will double up as your Fire Register, required by MFY for all groups (see FINAL INFORMATION document from MFY) on arrival at your venue. The REQUIRED INFORMATION must be brought to the MFY event you are taking part in, and should be available for inspection if requested.
2. All group leaders should bring with them the **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION** from schools, as listed below.

The legislation affects all children and young people (CYP) who are of compulsory school age who are performing during school hours. A young person is considered **not** of compulsory school age after the last Friday in June that they reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **REQUIRED INFORMATION**

(for each child 16 yrs and under who are still of compulsory school age):

- NAME
- AGE
- SCHOOL NAME - plus SCHOOL TYPE (maintained/academy/free/independent)
- Whether, depending on their school type, they have either :
  - 1) AUTHORISED ABSENCE (because they attend an Academy, an Independent School or a Free School), or
  - 2) PERMISSION to take part as the activity is CODED AS CODE B (because school considers it an approved off-site educational School Activity, or
  - 3) a PERFORMANCE LICENCE – (because they are do not fit into 1 or 2)

**In support of the above, group leaders must bring the following with them:**

Either

- Letters from head teacher(s)/school(s) to authorise absence for listed CYP (for non-maintained schools), or

- Letters from headteacher(s)/school(s) to confirm that the CYP listed are coded as code B (ie that their performance is an approved off-site educational activity, and therefore they are not classified as 'absent' from school), or
- Relevant performance licence(s).

### **IMPORTANT**

1. We anticipate that local authorities will not require the information to be sent to them in advance, on the condition that it is available for spot inspections at the event.

2. It is the responsibility of group leaders to compile this information. **Local authorities reserve the right to prevent a group from performing if, upon inspection, they are not able to produce the Required Information.**

### **Chaperoning**

Written parental consent will be required for any CYP to be out of sight of chaperones, copies of which should also be available for inspection at the event if required.

Group leaders should reference the legislation [The Children (Performance and Activities) (England) Regulations 2014] regarding quotas for chaperoning/supervision (12:1).

***Please note:** if you are in Northern Ireland or Scotland the previous Children (Performances) Regulations 1968 still apply.*

### **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

Music for Youth is working hard to lessen the administrative burden implied by the revised regulations. To assist you, please go to [www.mfy.org.uk/about/our-work/child-licensing](http://www.mfy.org.uk/about/our-work/child-licensing) for all relevant documents, relevant government legislation, all DfE guidance and the **REQUIRED INFORMATION** proforma.

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