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Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Chair, Petitions Committee

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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your correspondence of 30 October about the petition to allow choristers and youth choirs to sing in groups in Wales. Under the new coronavirus regulations announced by the First Minister on 9 November, groups of no more than fifteen people can gather for an indoor activity at any one time.

Earlier in the summer, the Welsh Government published guidance for a phased return for culture and heritage venues and destinations. As part of that work, we asked the Arts Council of Wales to work with our cultural sectors to develop additional guidance covering rehearsal, performance and participation. That work is now complete and the guidance, which should be considered carefully by all arts organisations across Wales, can be found here: <https://gov.wales/rehearsing-performing-and-taking-part-performing-arts-guidance-phased-return>. Particular attention should be given to the section *Singing, chanting and the use of musical instruments*.

Yours sincerely,

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