



Welcome to the “BandLab For Schools” Covid-19 Free Edition, cut-down songwriting course. This simple step-by step video course was created with teachers and students in mind but works just as well for parents who want their children to access a safe online learning environment where they can explore and experiment with the latest music technology tools and make the music that they listen to and love.

We know that music and technology is the air young people breathe so to have access to this for free should provide them with hours of creative fun either on their own if they wish or working with their friends. BandLab for Education is a safe, walled garden environment, meaning that whilst making music online no one can message, connect or make music with them unless the teacher or parent authorises it.

So, if your child wants to work with their best friend and knowing that they will both be perfectly safe you (the parent can send your child’s best friend an invite. You will see how to do this by playing the videos

1. BandLab for Education - Onboarding
2. Enrolling Students Into Your BandLab Classroom

in the chapter “Teachers - Setting Up Your BandLab For Education Classroom”.

As a parent you can set up your own BandLab virtual classroom. Whilst it says “Start as a Teacher” all it is doing is allowing you as a parent to create a safe online space (virtual classroom) where you can enroll your children into. Once inside they can access the incredibly simple and powerful music making. They can experiment with 1000s of loops and samples, drum machines, instruments, FX and mess around with sound. If at any point they want to learn how to create a professional sounding song in the style that they love, then they can watch the many instructional step by step videos.

There is no right or wrong way to make music. Just allow your child to explore, have fun and find their own way. If and when they want to know how to do something you might suggest that they watch a video. It is my wish that you and your children have a wonderful time together playing with music and if it instills a musical interest then that’s a bonus.