

School of Popular Music: Summer School Permissions and Safety Information (2026)

By booking a place at Summer School, you confirm you are the parent/guardian of the student and you give permission for your child to participate in supervised programme activities, which include rehearsals and group music sessions, performances, and supervised breaks and activities.

Public performances

Summer School includes public busking sessions in St Peter Port town centre. Students will perform at multiple outdoor locations as part of a structured, supervised programme. Students may be identifiable by image and/or voice during these performances. School of Popular Music cannot control photography or recording by members of the public.

Overnight stay: Band Camp in Herm

Band Camp in Herm (Saturday 1st August to Sunday 2nd August) forms an integral part of Summer School. Students travel by sea to Herm, stay overnight at the Herm Campsite, perform at the Mermaid Tavern, and return to St Peter Port harbour on Sunday afternoon.

By completing this form, you confirm the following:

Travel

You give permission for your child to travel by passenger ferry (Travel Trident) from St Peter Port to Herm and return, as part of a supervised SOPM group. Departure is from the Liberation Monument at 12:15pm on Saturday 1st August. Return arrival at St Peter Port harbour is approximately 12:50pm on Sunday 2nd August.

Overnight supervision

Your child will be supervised by SOPM staff and mentors throughout the stay. All SOPM staff working on overnight programmes hold current DBS checks. Students will not be left unsupervised at any point during overnight hours.

Accommodation

Students will camp at Herm Campsite. Tents are provided by SOPM. Sleeping arrangements are organised by SOPM staff with safeguarding in mind. Students are not permitted to make their own sleeping arrangements.

Meals

Dinner on Saturday 1st August is provided at the Mermaid Tavern. Continental breakfast on Sunday 2nd August is provided by The White House Hotel. Any dietary requirements must be confirmed at sign-up.

Medical and emergency

Your emergency contact must be reachable throughout the overnight stay, including outside normal hours. In the event of a medical issue or welfare concern, SOPM will contact you immediately. If your child requires prescribed medication during the stay, details must be provided in the medical information section and medication must be clearly labelled and handed to the lead supervisor before departure.

Family attendance at the Herm gig

Family and friends are warmly welcome to attend the Mermaid Tavern gig on Saturday 1st August. Students remain under SOPM supervision throughout and may only be signed out to a parent or guardian in person, with prior written notice to SOPM.

Staying with family in Herm overnight

If you wish your child to stay overnight with family in Herm rather than with the SOPM group, this must be requested and confirmed in writing with SOPM no later than Saturday 25th July. Students staying with family overnight are under parental responsibility during those hours. A responsible adult must return the student to SOPM supervision at the Manor Hotel at the time arranged with SOPM on Sunday 2nd August. SOPM cannot accept responsibility for students outside of its supervision.

Withdrawal from Band Camp

Band Camp forms an integral part of Summer School. Places are non-refundable once confirmed. If your child is unable to attend, please notify SOPM as early as possible. Students who do not attend Band Camp will not be able to join the Herm gig.

Consent declaration

I confirm that:

- I give permission for my child to travel to Herm and back by passenger ferry as part of a supervised SOPM group
- I give permission for my child to stay overnight at Herm Campsite under SOPM supervision
- I understand the supervision, accommodation, and meal arrangements as described above

- I have provided accurate medical, dietary, and emergency contact information
- I understand that my child will remain under SOPM supervision unless I have made a prior written request for family overnight arrangements, which SOPM has confirmed in writing
- I understand that SOPM will contact me immediately in the event of any medical or welfare concern

Marketing media (optional)

Separate from any public performances above, School of Popular Music may take photos and videos during the week for marketing purposes (website, social media, print). Surnames are not used without separate permission. Your marketing preference is selected at sign-up and can be updated by contacting SOPM. If "No identifiable marketing use" is selected, SOPM will take reasonable steps to avoid use and to edit where practical.

Medical and emergency information

You are responsible for providing accurate allergy, medical, and additional needs information at sign-up and informing SOPM of any changes before the programme starts. An emergency contact must be available during all programme hours, including the Herm overnight stay.

Supervision and liability

School of Popular Music will provide appropriate supervision and take reasonable steps to keep all activities safe, including off-site and overnight elements. School of Popular Music and its staff are not liable for circumstances outside their reasonable control, except where caused by negligence.