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WELL BEFORE YOUR LESSON

- ☐ Check your internet speed. If below a download speed of 10 and upload speed of 4, please take extra precautions (see below)
- ☐ Unless your internet speed is quite high, please plan to make sure that the flute lesson is the only online use planned during the lesson time in the household
- ☐ Make sure you have an ethernet cable and a plan to plug your computer directly (if possible and if needed)
- ☐ Plan ahead to restart your computer shortly before the lesson, allowing time for potential updates
- ☐ Consider purchase of headphones and external microphone designed for musicians
- ☐ Establish a placement for the computer (or iPad or phone) and music stand (if you're reading music) so that you can stand in a place that allows your upper body to show, including face, arms and hands while holding flute
- ☐ Communicate with Lisa about any special music or other interests you would like to include in the lesson
- ☐ Make sure your flute is in good working order – email Lisa for recommendations on repair tech (unless you're a beginner and do not have a flute yet)
- ☐ Depending on the platform we are using, you may need to either download Google Chrome (for Rock Out Loud Live), or check for updates, or confirm that we are connected on Skype, etc.

ON YOUR LESSON DAY

- ☐ Restart computer before the lesson (this can prevent many issues!) allow time for unexpected updates
- ☐ Make sure extra browser windows are closed before your lesson
- ☐ Plug directly into the ethernet if possible (and if needed based on your internet speed – see above)
- ☐ Confirm that no one else in the house will be using extra bandwidth (depending on internet speed)
- ☐ Set up your music stand (unless you are a beginner or are playing by ear) and double check your set-up
- ☐ Have a snack before the lesson & use the bathroom if needed
- ☐ Brush your teeth and wash your hands (for your flute!)
- ☐ Warm up prior to your lesson if possible (a brief practice session before your lesson makes sure all details are clear and that you're warmed up, practice after your lesson reinforces the lesson concepts – both are highly recommended if possible!)
- ☐ Have a glass of water handy – but no food or other drink during lessons – ever!
- ☐ Make sure flute, any sheet music, notebook for lesson notes, other books and materials are handy (Metronome? Tuner? Depending on level and recent work)
- ☐ Double check your link & password (if needed)
- ☐ I will do my best to be on time. If the lesson is on Zoom or Rock Out Loud, please join on time and you will be placed in a waiting room briefly. If your lesson is on Skype or FaceTime, please let me call you. I may be a couple of minutes late on any give day if there seems to be a significant need to wrap something up with the previous student. Normally I should be on time, but please be prepared for the possibility that I may be a moment late.