

The Firebird in your School – how a day of performances might work in your school day.

The Firebird is an experience built through three scenes which will happen across a school day in different areas of your school grounds, with each class group experiencing each of the scenes.

Due to the unique nature of the show, we will arrange a site visit to all schools prior to the performances so that we can work with you to best decide on which areas the performance will take part in and how best to structure the day around your school.

We want to give children as much interaction - albeit distanced - as possible, but also include a shared theatrical experience at the end, as that is one of the things we have all missed during lockdown - the possibility of sharing experiences. So, the show's structure is as follows:

Scene 1 (15 minutes) This will be played outside classroom windows with the students inside. This scene will be performed 4 times during the morning in 4 different locations to 4 different class bubbles. The classroom will need to have windows that the students can see through (i.e. not too high a window sill) and with sufficient space (5m depth) immediately outside the window for the company to perform in.

If one or more of your classrooms do not have a suitable window space, then we will explore where best to present this scene as part of our site visit.

Scene 2 (10 minutes) This will take place in the playground or somewhere in your school grounds, with each class bubble coming out to the performance separately to witness and share the Chicken Jazz Band.

Scene 3 (15 minutes) This is the finale. This will happen in the playground or similar space. All of the class bubbles will come together to experience this scene, so the space will need to be big enough for all 4 groups to attend at the same time - allowing any covid bubble restrictions to be accommodated. The Firebird puppet will enter the playground, circle close to each group of students, swooping around to the climax of the show, before bidding its farewell.

Here's how a single class might experience the production during the day – we will discuss the full schedule with you as part of our site visit, to ensure that we flex it as required to fit around your school day:

- 10.30am – 10.45am: Engage with Scene 1 from the classroom, watching the comic action unfold outside the classroom window
- 12.45pm – 12.55pm: Come outside for a musical encounter with the Chicken Jazz Band for Scene 2
- 2.45pm – 3.00pm: Join with the other groups at a safe distance outside. Have a shared theatrical experience, with an up-close meeting with the Firebird for the finale.