



Music Policy

Rationale

At Whitchurch C E Primary School we highly value the music curriculum for all pupils throughout the school. We aim to deliver a high-quality music education that engages and inspires pupils to develop a love of music and their abilities as a musician, and increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement.

We aim to inspire children's creative development and love for a rich variety of musical styles by introducing them to a broad and varied range of music and instruments. We aim to develop all children's skills as musicians playing a variety of different instruments.

We strongly believe that singing should be at the heart of music, not just within music lessons, but also within the wider life of the school through daily musical opportunities. In order to fully develop their abilities as a musician, we believe that all children should have opportunities to perform to an audience each year, through a range of productions, concerts and other performance opportunities. As well as performing, we believe that it is important for children to watch and enjoy other musicians performing for them through visitors, visits and accessing live performances virtually.

We believe that music is a unique form of communication and is an integral part of our culture. It provides an important medium to help children understand themselves, relate to others and the wider world.

Underpinning all our music curriculum aims, is building a foundation for all children to enjoy playing and appreciating music in later life, and having the building blocks needed to develop as accomplished musicians.

Aims of our Music Curriculum

- *To enjoy listening to a wide range of music from different times and cultures*
- *To enjoy making music based on different times and cultures*

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- *To perform with confidence and enjoyment*
- *To sing with confidence and enjoyment*
- *To develop composition and appraising skills*
- *To develop a musical vocabulary with which to evaluate the music listened to*
- *To provide a range of musical opportunities*
- *To encourage awareness, enjoyment and appreciation of Music in all its forms.*
- *To develop imagination and creativity.*
- *To help children of all abilities develop positive attitudes and to experience success and satisfaction in music.*
- *To offer opportunities to perform, compose, listen and appraise.*

Implementation of Policy

- We have worked the Hampshire Music Service to create a well sequenced and progressive curriculum map containing the key concepts children need to be procedurally fluent and to work and think like professional musicians.

The key concepts in music we plan a progression for are as follows:

- *Performing*
- *Composing*
- *Appraising*

Foundation Stage

At Whitchurch C E Primary School we encourage creative work in the reception classes as this is part of the foundation stage. We relate the creative development of the children to the objectives set out in the early learning goals, which underpin the curriculum planning for children aged three to five. The children's learning includes art, music, dance, role-play and imaginative play. Children are given many opportunities to sing familiar songs and learn new ones, to make music and to use music for dance and drama.

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At Whitchurch C E Primary School within the foundation stage we run continuous provision, where children have free access to all resources and opportunities, allowing them to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding at their own pace and interest. We relate the creative development of the children to the points set out in the foundation stage profile, as well as the age-related expectations in development matters which underpin the curriculum planning for children from birth to five. The children's learning includes art, music, dance, role-play and imaginative play. The range of experiences encourages children to make connections between one area of learning and another and so extends their understanding

Key Stage One

At Whitchurch C E Primary School, during Key Stage 1 children listen carefully and respond physically to a wider range of music. They play musical instruments and sing a variety of songs, adding accompaniments and creating short compositions, with increasing confidence, imagination and control. They explore and enjoy how sounds and silence can create different moods and effects.

Key Stage Two

At Whitchurch C E Primary School during Key Stage 2 children sing songs and play instruments with increasing confidence, skill, expression and awareness of their own contribution to a group or class performance. They improvise, and develop their own musical compositions, in response to a variety of different stimuli with increasing personal involvement, independence and creativity. They explore their thoughts and feelings through responding physically, intellectually and emotionally to a variety of music from different times and cultures.

Performing skills

At Whitchurch C E Primary School children will be taught to sing a wide-ranging variety of songs and to use their voices expressively. They should have the opportunity to play tuned and un-tuned instruments with increasing control and should rehearse and perform with others, with an awareness of audience.

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Composing skills

At Whitchurch C E Primary School children will create musical patterns and will be shown how to explore, select and organise musical ideas, recording these in a variety of ways.

Appraising skills

At Whitchurch C E Primary School children will be given the opportunity to explore and explain their own ideas and feelings about music, using music, dance, expressive language and musical vocabulary. They will analyse and compare sounds and will become confident at suggesting improvements for their own work and that of others.

Listening and applying knowledge and understanding

At Whitchurch C E Primary School children should be able to listen with concentration and to internalise and recall sounds with increasing aural memory. They will develop a growing awareness of the seven musical dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, texture, timbre and structure. They will learn that time and place can influence the way Music is created, performed and heard, that music is produced in different ways and is described through invented and standard notations.

Approach

At Whitchurch C E Primary School music is taught throughout the school, establishing cross curricular links where possible, e.g. literacy, early years, maths, physical and creative development. As well as music lessons in class, key stage singing worship takes place weekly.

At Whitchurch C E Primary School we have reviewed our curriculum map to ensure it is well sequenced and progressive. This serves as a base to aid and enhance our teaching of music.

Differentiation

At Whitchurch C E Primary School children with a particular interest or aptitude in music can be given the opportunity to extend their education in a variety of ways, for example, recorder groups, ensemble groups, choir, instrumental performances in assembly and the annual summer concert. Peripatetic teachers are used to teach keyboard, brass, woodwind, violin, drums and guitar lessons in school.

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Children experiencing difficulties can be given extra encouragement by working in a small group with the teacher or with a more musically able child.

Assessment

At Whitchurch C E Primary School assessment will form an integral part of the teaching and learning of Music. This will be done by observing children working and performing, by listening to their responses and by examining work produced in relation to the expectations set out on our curriculum maps.

Teachers assess the children's work in music both by making informal judgements as they observe them during lessons and by completing formal assessments of their work, gauged against specific end points set out for each year group.

Resources

At Whitchurch C E Primary School we have a well-resourced music and drama room where there is a wide range of tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments available. There is an audio-system in the hall.

Progression, Continuity and Differentiation

At Whitchurch C E Primary School we use a range of teaching and learning styles to meet the requirements of the national curriculum. We place an emphasis on active learning by including children in appraising, composing and performing activities. We encourage children to take part in a range of practical activities wherever possible.

Cross-curricular links

At Whitchurch C E Primary School music is taught as a discrete subject by our music teacher. However, there are opportunities within other subjects to develop musical skills.

- *Science curriculum (topics on sound and listening)*
- *PE curriculum (dancing)*
- *English curriculum (where it can act as a stimulus but also to develop listening skills.)*

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- *RE (listening to sacred music)*
- *Art (as a stimulus for creative work in a different medium)*
- *History (listening to music from the particular time being studied)*
- *DT (Making musical instruments)*
- *ICT (Making sound with computers).*

Inclusion

At Whitchurch C E Primary School we are committed to providing effective learning opportunities for all children. Suitable learning challenges will be set for all children with the aim of maximising achievement for all children at an appropriate level for each individual.

Teachers will respond appropriately to children' diverse learning needs and be aware of the needs of differing genders, special educational needs, disability, as well as different social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

At Whitchurch C E Primary School teachers are aware of overcoming the potential barriers to learning and assessment for individuals and groups and respond accordingly by making effective provision and liaising with appropriate staff.

At Whitchurch C E Primary we are committed to the principle of equality of opportunity and this will be reflected in the curriculum offered to children and in the conduct of staff and children.

Role of Governors

At Whitchurch C E Primary School governors determine, support, monitor and review the school policies and curriculum map. They support the use of appropriate teaching strategies by allocating resources effectively. They ensure that the building and equipment are safe. They monitor pupil attainment across the school and ensure that staff development and performance management promote good quality teaching.



Role and Responsibilities of Music Subject Leader

At Whitchurch C E Primary School the music leader has the responsibility of overseeing music within the school including:

- *Formulating and updating the policy when appropriate*
- *Ensuring staff are aware of the policy's content and that it matches classroom practice as far as possible*
- *Ensuring appropriate resources are available and regularly updating them within the limits of the music budget and according to needs*
- *Disseminating information, as it is received from any external source, to staff and children*
- *Supporting staff with music-related issues when required*
- *Organising extra-curricular trips*
- *Liaising with additional adult helpers who run an extra-curricular music club/help on extracurricular music trips*
- *Attending courses relevant to professional development within their role as subject leader.*

Disability Equality Impact Assessment

This policy has been written with reference to and in consideration of the school's Disability Equality Scheme. Assessment will include consideration of issues identified by the involvement of disabled children, staff and parents and any information the school holds on disabled children, staff and parents.

Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be made to the Head Teacher