

# Music Subject Policy

## St. Francis' Catholic Primary School



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**Committee Responsible:** Learning

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# Music

## **Intent**

At St Francis' School, we foster an enjoyment and appreciation of music. Music is a powerful, unique form of communication that can change the way pupils feel, think and act. It brings together intellect and feeling and enables personal expression, reflection and emotional development. Pupils develop an awareness of the music of our own and other cultures and styles. Music can easily be recognised and developed within a Christian ethos. We acknowledge God as creator through continuous development of our own creative abilities and recognise that a love of music can help us to express our feelings and ideas.

“Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord” - Ephesians 5:19

## **Aims**

- develop an appreciation of a variety of music genres by listening to a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians
- understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated.
- learn to sing and use their voices, and have the opportunity to play a range of percussion instruments, xylophone and recorder
- create, compose and evaluate their own music and listen to and reflect upon the music of others
- have the opportunity to join and perform with the school choir and orchestra
- perform and review their own performances and others.

## **Implementation**

- the National Curriculum Programmes of Study support the planning and teaching of music with the support of the music scheme 'Charanga'
- the teaching of music happens through stand-alone lessons as well as being integrated into cross-curricular learning
- a progression of skills is taught and followed from years 1-6
- a range of percussion instruments including xylophones and chime bars are stored outside the OOH room
- music will be inclusive and accessible to all children, and pitched at their level of attainment
- children will work individually, in groups, and as a whole class
- children will explore and gain skills of pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture and structure through using a range of instruments
- children will use appropriate language to articulate opinions, judgements and feelings about a musical performance including their own and that of others
- prior to using instruments, children will be taught how to handle and use them safely and they will be kept under observation when using them
- class-based learning will be supplemented by visitors. Particular expertise is available through choirs, orchestra and private music lessons
- opportunities will be provided to children to perform to audiences in school and the wider community, such as concerts, Mass, assemblies, Raise the Roof, Bristol Colston Hall, nursing home visits and Christmas nativities

**Impact**

The Music coordinator, reporting to the Head Teacher, is responsible for monitoring teaching practice to ensure that the school Music policy is being implemented. This includes overseeing the development and learning in Music, and mapping out and monitoring curriculum planning. The policy will be reviewed every three years by the current Music coordinator.

**Conclusion**

Through providing opportunities to explore their creative and musical abilities at St. Francis' School, children will develop qualities such as self-esteem and confidence. We wish to instil the foundations of a life-long appreciation and enjoyment of music.