



Music Policy 2014.

Purpose of the policy

This policy outlines the teaching and learning of Music at St. Raphael's Catholic Primary School. Music is a universal language that embodies the highest forms of creativity. Through this policy we aim to foster a positive attitude to music as an interesting and exciting part of the curriculum by:

- exploring music in the wider context of the world in which they live eg across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians.
- learning to sing and to use their voices.
- creating and composing music on their own and with others.
- having the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence.
- understanding and exploring how music is created, produced and communicated eg through pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notation.
- developing a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose and to listen with discrimination to the best of music available.

Agreed Procedure

Teaching and Learning

Music is taught by teachers and through Tameside Music Service expert music teachers. In this way, the school ensure full coverage of the requirements of the New Music Curriculum. Teachers make use of The Charanga Music scheme to enhance and support the children's learning.

Singing is timetabled weekly for KS1 & KS2.

Tameside Music Service deliver half-termly music tuition across KS1&2 ie each year group will have 3 half-terms blocks of Music Provision over the academic year.

The key features of music lessons in school include:

- * Listen & appraise.
- * Technical knowledge and development
- * Performance (vocal and tuned/untuned musical instruments)

Skills are developed in a progressive and systematic way (refer to Charanga scheme). Pace of learning is in place and high expectations are maintained.



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Pupils are given the opportunity to use a wide range of resources (see inventory), and to study a range of musicians and genres (Charanga plus cross curricular topic)

Pupils' interests in music (in and outside school) is recorded and built upon in lessons and in school performances.

All pupils are supported and given the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument - tuned and untuned.

ICT is used to enhance learning and teaching experiences (refer to ICT scheme).

Opportunities to include the children in real life and wider community experiences are sought eg Glee Club / Young Voices Choir and this is promoted and supported in class.

Pupils are encouraged to share responsibility for their own learning.

Assessment and record keeping

Most assessment is formative and is used to support the teaching and learning and inform future planning and development of music skills.

Assessments are through performance and oral questioning and based on the learning outcomes of the Charanga scheme, the New Curriculum Programmes of Study and the EYFS Early Learning Goals (this area is to be developed further as part of the on-going, long-term implementation and monitoring of the music curriculum).

Monitoring this policy

- Are teachers using the Charanga Music scheme?
- Are children given the opportunity to develop their musical skills/perform/learn an instrument in all age groups?
- Are the resources available to facilitate the teaching and learning?
- Are all opportunities explored to increase the children's exposure to music and musical experiences, incl visiting musicians, school and class assemblies/productions, trips to musical events?
- Do staff seek areas of strength and areas to develop in the key areas of Music and relate to other areas of the curriculum?
- Do staff value and promote the Artsmark criteria across all age ranges, in order to work towards achieving Artsmark status.
- Are the targets set out in 'The Arts' Action Plan being met, reviewed and amended as necessary?

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