



## Music Development Plan Summary St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

### **Part A Curriculum Music**

At St. Patrick's we have 2 terms of music lessons of an hour in total in all of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. These take place in Terms 3 and 6 and are taught by class teachers or a music specialist. We use the Charanga music scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music, some classes are following the Model Music Curriculum. Teaching is supported by specialist planning. Children with SEND are given support in their learning by learning partners or the adults in the lesson. The Reception class has music throughout the year, as and when it supports their Foundation learning.

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We have Music Appreciation in whole school Assembly on Mondays and follow it up in each class every week, writing and drawing in class floor books. Our music appreciation ensures a variety of music and genres are listened to and discussed. We also use Rock Steady's 'Feel Good Fridays,' where the children explore the technical vocabulary of music.

The children in Year 5 are having weekly lessons in brass and woodwind with Corsham Wind Band.

For a term 6 the rest of the children from Years 1-6 have whole class instrumental teaching. The children learn to play chime bars, recorders, ukuleles, violins, brass and woodwind.

We also have a wide range of pitched and unpitched instruments that can be used by all classes in their lessons as part of curriculum music. The Reception class has a set of musical instruments which are suitable for them, but they can also access the school instruments as and when their teacher needs.

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### **Part B Co-Curricular Music**

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

We have a variety of peripatetic music teachers who visit the school and take children for private lessons. They have lessons in piano, woodwind, drums and band instruments. We use Pupil Premium

to help a SEND child have drum lessons. Those children are often given the opportunity to perform on their instruments in Assembly.

The band lessons are provided by Rock Steady Music and children from Year 1-Year 6 learn guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboard and voice. They learn to play their instruments as part of a group and there are 4 different bands. We give a free bursary place to one of the children who takes part; the other parents have to pay for their children. We also have a few SEND children who take part and it has a positive impact on their learning and confidence. They play to the school at the end of every term.

### **Part C Musical Experience**

We have regular performances each Christmas for Key Stage 2 and Reception with Key Stage 1 where all the children take part. Then Key Stage 2 has a performance in the summer term. The children can also perform in their class assembly once a year.

At St. Patrick's we take advantage of any music event offered to us which will think will enhance the children's learning and experience of music.

We use our strong links with the music service to encourage instrumentalists to progress to performing in ensembles.

Last year the Year 5 took part in 'The Voices for Life' singing event for local schools with two performances at Wiltshire music centre. They had enjoyed learning the songs over a term taught to them each week by Kate Courage a music specialist from Wiltshire Music. We hope to be able to do this again this year.

Kate Courage also led a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon singing workshop with the whole school from Reception to Year 6. This was also done as a showcase/ training course for all staff to demonstrate some repertoire and how to engage the children in singing.

We give the children opportunities to hear to high quality performers live and as part of this we have organised other one-off events. As part of the music cluster the children enjoyed workshops with Emily Askard a professional musician who played and folk and medieval instruments. We hope to present the children with more high class music events.

Other events which we have had were opera workshops online and in person by members of The Royal Ballet and Opera. We also have had an online workshop with London Sinfonietta as part of their composition challenge.

In the Autumn we are looking forward to recording a song at Peter Gabriel's Real World Studios. We are doing it to raise money for the favourite Charity of our caretaker who sadly passed away this year. It should give the children a unique opportunity to see what a recording studio is like.

We have recently created a link with Corsham wind band and one of their associates teaches brass and woodwind to the Year 4 class throughout the year.

### **In the future**

In class music lessons we are going to continue to develop children's composition skills and the recording of this to show the children's progress and development through their years at school. We will continue to provide our staff with CPD's to continue to develop their confidence and subject knowledge to ensure that we are providing a high-quality music education to all children. We want to develop how we give access for disabled pupils and support pupils with special educational needs (SEND). We will continue to develop the children's performance skills with more opportunities to perform throughout the year, with our local music hub and in the community. We are hoping to give children in Key Stage 1 more opportunities to perform in the summer term as well as at Christmas. We would love to provide our children with more opportunities to watch live music performances and continue to develop a strong pupil voice. We are looking to develop an extracurricular school choir and instrumental music groups.

We will also keep parents informed of any musical events happening locally. Wiltshire Music Centre in Bradford on Avon has further opportunities for children to develop skills through special events singing or instrumental. Also, Wiltshire Music Centre has an eclectic music programme of high-quality live music.

<https://www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk/>

The new music hub in Swindon provides opportunities for children to participate in music and develop their skills <https://gswmusichubswindwiltshire.org.uk/>

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