

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Nursery



Music Policy 2020 – 2021

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

“Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment”.

MISSION STATEMENT

This is our school

Together we worship
Together we learn
Together we belong

With the love of God,
Our dreams and ambitions come true.

1.0 Introduction

Through a positive caring environment, we provide the opportunity for every child to reach their full potential. We embrace Christian values and ensure all children are ready for their next steps.

2.0 Aims and Objectives

Music is a unique way of communicating that can inspire and motivate children. It is a vehicle for personal expression, and it can play an important part in the personal development of people. Music reflects the culture and society we live in, and so the teaching and learning of music enables children to better understand the world they live in. Besides being a creative and enjoyable activity, music can also be a highly academic and demanding subject. It also plays an important part in helping children feel part of a community. We provide opportunities for all children to create, play, perform and enjoy music, to develop the skills, to appreciate a wide variety of musical forms, and to begin to make judgements about the quality of music.

The objectives of teaching music in our school are to enable children to:

- know and understand how sounds are made and then organised into musical structures;
- know how music is made through a variety of instruments;
- know how music is composed and written down;
- know how music is influenced by the time, place and purpose for which it was written;
- develop the interrelated skills of performing, composing and appreciating music.

3.0 Teaching and Learning Style

At Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, we make music an enjoyable learning experience. We encourage children to participate in a variety of musical experiences through which we aim to build up the confidence of all children. Singing lies at the heart of good music teaching. Our teaching focuses on developing the children's ability to sing in tune and with other people. Through singing songs, children learn about the structure and organisation of music. We teach them to listen to and appreciate different forms of music. As children get older, we expect them to maintain their concentration for longer, and to listen to more extended pieces of music. Children develop descriptive skills in music lessons when learning about how music can represent feelings and emotions. We teach children to make music together and compose pieces of music. All children have at least ½ hour music lesson per week.

3.1: Planning and resources.

Our school uses ‘Charanga’ Scheme of Work for music as the basis for its curriculum planning. The units in this scheme are based around the National Curriculum objectives. While there are opportunities for children of all abilities to develop their skills and knowledge in each teaching unit, the progression planned into the scheme of work means that the children are increasingly challenged as they move through each unit and throughout the school.

All teachers record planning on the school’s long term planning document.

3.2: Instrumental playing and Wider Opportunities

In Year 4, all children have a weekly 1 hourly instrumental brass lesson. Children are able to choose which brass instrument they would prefer to play. This session is delivered by member of staff from the ‘Resonate Hub’ (local music services). Developing skills to read and understand musical notation is a focus during these e sessions.

As part of the ‘Charanga’ teaching units, all children have access to learning the Glockenspiel. Within each unit of work completed, children will learn how to play the Glockenspiel for call and response activities, start to play simple riffs which will progress to more difficult sequences and improvise and compose.

3.3: Singing

We believe that music enriches the lives of people, and so we wish to involve as many children as possible in musical activities.

Each week, the whole school meet for ensemble singing. A variety of hymns and popular songs are taught.

We have a school choir which we encourage all children from Y3-6 to join. The choir meets on a weekly basis and, although its primary aim is to enable children to enjoy singing together, it also performs in public on a number of occasions throughout the year including the Liverpool Diocese Catholic Schools Association festival held at St. Margret Mary’s Church, Now Festival and iSing held at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall.