



# St Paul's Catholic Primary School

**'Do Everything with love.'**

## Music Statement

### INTENT

At St Paul's Catholic Primary School, we believe that all children should be given the opportunity to be a part of a musically rich environment through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres. We aim to deliver a high quality Music curriculum, taught by a music specialist, which inspires pupils' curiosity and fascination about the world of music and how it can have an impact on a person's life in many ways. Children are taught a rich and varied vocabulary to describe and explain the inter-related musical dimensions of music. We provide many performance opportunities and experiences to inspire and motivate children to learn. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop their musical potential and we aim to nurture and encourage musical development across the school.

### IMPLEMENTATION

The subject leader for Music will monitor, evaluate and review the implementation of the subject throughout the school ensuring that the following expectations are fulfilled.

- Weekly curriculum lesson taught by our specialist music teacher (as part of PPA cover)
- Weekly singing assembly/hymn practice
- End of Term Performances to parents/families to share learning from each term.
- Regular rehearsals, workshop and performance opportunities with Portsmouth Music Hub
- Cross-curricular links - singing songs within their classrooms that relate to their specific learning. For example, punctuation songs to help learn skills or topic songs.
- Extra-curricular activities - Choir (Autumn KS2, from Spring 2 years 2 to 6), Ukulele Club, Recorder Club
- Music visits throughout the year to watch live music performances and provide wider opportunities. For example, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, The Jives Aces.
- Community events - visiting and singing at the old people's home, Paulsgrove Christmas light switch on, Christmas carols for the elderly.
- National singing event - Young Voices at the O2 in London

### IMPACT

Children will become increasingly confident and versatile musicians, with the ability to be able to apply their knowledge in different circumstances. They will also nurture a passion and love of music, showing appreciation of a variety of different styles and genres of music. Children are able to enjoy music, in as many ways as they choose- either as a listener, creator or performer. Evidence of a rich vocabulary is used by pupils when interpreting and describing both their own music and music of others. Learning instruments will promote resilient learners by self-evaluating and improving performances.

By the end of their time at St Paul's, children will have had the opportunity to:

- Sing as part of an ensemble with full confidence and precision.
- Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music.
- Play and perform in solo or ensemble contexts with increasing accuracy, control, fluency and expression.
- Create a simple composition and record using formal notation.
- Deepen an understanding and use of formal, written notation which includes staves, semibreves and dotted crotchets.
- Appropriately discuss the dimensions of music and recognise them in music heard.
- Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory and accuracy.
- Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians.
- Develop a deeper understanding of the history and context of music.

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