



PADIHAM GREEN

CHURCH of ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Jesus said, "Come, follow me." Mtt. 4:19

MUSIC POLICY 2017 / 2018

Introduction

- Music is a subject that helps to develop creativity, imagination, good listening skills, constructive criticism and the ability to express personal thoughts and feelings.
- Music develops children's ability to take part in practical activities, both individually and in groups, it encourages and cultivates an enjoyment of different genres of music.
- The Music curriculum provides breadth and balance, is relevant and engaging and is differentiated to match needs and abilities.

Aims

To ensure all staff, children, parents/carers and Governors are aware of the aims for learning and teaching Music at Padiham Green and that these are applied.

Staff

- To promote a confident, positive attitude towards the learning and use of Music, making it an enjoyable experience.
- To promote confidence and competence in the skills of speaking and listening; constructive feedback and sharing practical work.
- To provide opportunities for the development of musical skills where relevant across the curriculum.

Children

- To develop an enjoyment of learning through practical activity, exploration and discussion.
- To develop confidence and competence in the skills of speaking and listening, constructive feedback and sharing practical work.
- To develop an understanding and appreciation of different types of music from around the world.

Parents and Carers

- To be understanding and supportive of our aims in learning and teaching Music.
- To praise their children for the good things that they do in Music.
- To communicate and work with the school whenever further support is needed to develop their children's musical skills and understanding.

Music across the Curriculum

Children are taught a wide range of musical skills that enable them to access and understand different types of music in a variety of contexts, both within school and at home.

- Opportunities are used for musical experiences through a range of activities in other subjects to enable children to apply and use Music in real life and academic contexts.
- Music is incorporated into a variety of activities and events within school, such as weekly assemblies, singing assemblies, classroom routines and special celebrations.

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.

Teaching and learning style

At Padiham Green School we aim to 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. Children develop descriptive skills in music lessons when learning about how music can represent feelings and emotions. We teach them the disciplined skills of recognising pulse and pitch. We often teach these together. We also teach children to make music together, to understand musical notation, and to compose pieces. We recognise that in all classes' children have wide ranges of musical ability, and so we seek to provide suitable learning opportunities for all children by matching the challenge of the task to the ability of the class led by two experience external music leaders.

The school choir and musical events

We believe that music enriches the lives of people, and so we wish to involve as many children as possible in musical activities. We have a school choir which we encourage all children 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, for example at the Christmas carol concert. We are also inviting the whole of the KS2 team to perform at the Young Voices concert in Manchester and this is funded by school and through fund raising.

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Chair of Governors: Debbie Barsby