

# St James' Lanehead Church of England Primary School



## Music Policy

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### Our Mission

Our church school seeks to inspire each individual to flourish, grow and learn with Jesus  
at the heart of all we do.

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### **Vision and Aims:**

At St James' Lanehead Primary School, our curriculum is made up of the planned activities that we as a school deliver in order to promote learning. Our children will be taught music in a way that ensures progression of skills, and follows a sequence to build on previous learning.

We seek to inspire each individual to flourish and grow. We ensure we meet the standards of the National Curriculum, but also provide a variety of exciting opportunities to develop and enrich children's experiences. Music encourages and supports the physical, emotional and aesthetic development of children. Children's self-esteem and self-confidence can be enhanced through the teaching of music, as well as their ability to listen and concentrate.

Throughout the music curriculum, children also develop an understanding and appreciation of a wide range of genres of music.

### **Purpose**

Through the teaching of music, we aim to:

- Promote an enjoyment of music which will lead to children acquiring the knowledge, skills and understanding to make music.
- Develop and enhance life skills which can support all areas of learning.
- Enable children to make use of music effectively in their everyday lives.
- Promote children's participation and performance in singing and instrumental activities.

## Curriculum delivery

At St James' Lanehead Primary School, we follow a broad and balanced Music curriculum that builds on previous learning and provides both support and challenge for learners. We follow the Charanga Musical School scheme across Early Years (EYFS), KS1 and KS2. This scheme ensures progression of skills and covers all aspects of the National Curriculum for Music. At KS1 and KS2, all classes have a scheduled Music lesson each week; within EYFS, Music is taught within the area of expressive arts and design. Across school, Music may also be taught alongside other curriculum subjects where appropriate.

**Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS):** Focus on exploring sounds, singing simple songs, and developing rhythm through play.

**Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2):** Introduction to basic musical concepts, including pitch, rhythm, and dynamics. Pupils will learn to sing and play simple instruments.

**Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6):** Development of more complex musical skills, including staff notation, composition, and performance. Pupils will have opportunities to participate in school concerts and community events.

All children are given equal opportunities to follow the National Curriculum for Music. This is enhanced by extra-curricular activities (e.g. choir) and musical performances.

## Conclusion

Music makes its own unique contribution to our school curriculum. It encourages and assists thinking skills, such as information processing, reasoning, enquiry, creative thinking and evaluation. The Music curriculum will contribute to children's personal development in creativity, self-expression, emotional development, independence, judgement and self-reflection. This would be seen in them being able to talk confidently about their work, and sharing their work with others. At St James' Lanehead, we intend that our children will understand and appreciate the value of music in the context of their personal wellbeing.