



## Music at St John Vianney

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### Music Curriculum

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop their talents as musicians.

The National Curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils;

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical genres, style and traditions.
- To learn to sing and use their voices to create and compose music on their own and with others.
- To understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated including structure and appropriate musical notation.

### Intent

At St John Vianney, we follow the National Curriculum for music to ensure that all children have access to a balanced and varied curriculum. Through our teaching of this subject we intend for our pupils to:

- Have opportunity to learn a variety of instruments;
- Develop their own musical talents, interests and preferences;
- Perform individually and as part of a group;
- Be able to appreciate and appraise a range of musical genres and styles;
- Know and appraise music from a variety of composers.

Our overarching aim is to develop each child's musical interests and awareness to enable them to become musicians who are confident in sharing their talents.

### Implementation

Staff are provided with high quality planning from the 'Charanga' scheme of work to help scaffold their lessons and enable them to tailor their lessons to their pupils' needs and interests. This scheme ensures there is a progression of skills from Foundation Stage to the end of Key Stage 2 and that all areas of the curriculum are taught and developed appropriately.

Staff have access to CPD and to development courses provided by St Helens Music Service.

At St John Vianney, we ensure that all children have the opportunity to play an instrument no matter what their background or financial circumstances are. We have a strong belief that the skills that are taught and developed within the musical curriculum will then transfer to the wider curriculum.

### Impact

At St John Vianney, we are proud of the musical experiences and opportunities that the children have access to. As a result of the leadership and processes that are in

place for music across the school, impact is evident. Children have a growing knowledge of different musical genres and terms that are used within the delivery of music. Children have a passion for music and enjoy exploring, composing and performing to their peers. A high proportion of children take part in extra-curricular opportunities that are available for them including instrumental lessons, choir and whole class musical experiences that are provided by the Music Service. Children leave St John Vianney with a musical confidence that enables them to continue their musical journey in high school and later life.

### Plans for the future

- To ensure that all children in Year 4 have access to the Wider Opportunities programme provided by the local council.
- To provide the opportunity for children to attend and perform in live, musical performances within the wider community.
- To provide teachers with frequent CPD and to encourage peer planning and teaching.
- To obtain video/picture/book evidence of musical performances.