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Edge Hill Academy

Music Policy

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Philosophy

Music is important because it can provide fulfilment throughout life. It is a powerful, unique form of communication that can change the way pupils feel, think and act. It transcends different cultures, abilities and generations.

Listening to and making music fulfils an instinctive human need for self-expression and creativity. It stimulates responses on both emotional and intellectual levels.

Besides being a creative and enjoyable activity, music can also be a highly academic and demanding subject. With connections to Reading, English, Mathematics and Art. Just to start

Musical activities include performing vocally or with instruments, exploring sounds and composing as well as listening and responding to music of different styles and cultures. All these activities involve the musical elements of pitch, duration (rhythm), dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture and structure.

Aims

Music at Edge Hill Academy aims to:

- Give every child the opportunity to experience enjoyment through a variety of musical activities and to respond to musical emotions
- Develop a child's understanding of music through these activities
- Help children of all abilities develop positive attitudes and to experience success and satisfaction in music.
- Develop social skills through co-operation with others in the shared experience of music making.
- Develop an understanding of musical traditions and enhance performance skills by learning and performing music in a variety of cultures.
- Give children the opportunity to perform music both vocally and with instruments
- Encourage the children to explore a wide range of sounds
- Give them the opportunity to compose music and express their ideas and feelings through music
- Experience listening to music of a variety of styles and cultures

- Develop a child's appreciation of the richness of our musical heritage
- Provide an array of performance opportunities so children can feel part of a musical community.
- Encourage high standards in performance
- Be motivated to enjoy and succeed in music
- Encourage children to express ideas and opinions about music
- Give each child the opportunity to develop their musical talents
- Develop an appropriate vocabulary to help them understand and discuss their own work and that of others

Principles of Learning

The following list of skills and attributes can be gained through participation in musical activities. It will be clear that these also contribute to the whole school curriculum.

- A sense of achievement - individual and collective
- Social skills such as co-operation, tolerance, self-confidence and perseverance
- Coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lips, cheek and facial muscles develops greatly □
Ability to use other languages to describe emotions (usually Italian words are used)
- Ability to read notation
- Listening skills
- Sensitivity to sounds
- Imagination and inventiveness
- Ability to analyse and solve problems
- Concern for accuracy
- Ability to memorise
- Develop attention to detail
- Communication skills, self-discipline and self-evaluation
- The illumination and extension of studies in other curriculum subjects
- Higher standards of application and concentration in all areas of work

Music Curriculum Key stages 1 & 2

Music is a foundation subject in the National Curriculum. The fundamental skills, knowledge and concepts of the subject are set out in National Curriculum 2014:

- Pupils should be taught to sing and play musically with increasing confidence and control. They should develop an understanding of musical composition, organising and manipulating ideas within musical structures and reproducing sounds from aural memory.
- Pupils should be taught to:
- Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.
- Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music
- Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory use and understand staff and other musical notations
- Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians develop an understanding of the history of music.

Principles of Teaching

- The Music Curriculum has been developed to integrate national guidelines with class topics and themes (cross-curricular links) in a skills-based, creative and spiral curriculum.
- Edge Hill Academy have subscribed to the Kapow scheme of learning which is delivered by class teachers on a weekly basis. They are routinely supported by the school's music coordinator.
- Each class (Year 3 to Year 6) receives a total of one hour's music teaching per week.
- Differentiation is achieved by resource, task, support and outcome through teachers' delivery of the Kapow planning.
- All pupils are encouraged to participate in and enjoy music lessons regardless of race, culture, gender, ability or physical limitations. A mutual respect and tolerance for all cultures will be promoted through the study of music.
- During music lessons pupils will be expected to work collaboratively in groups, as a whole class, in pairs and individually. Groups are chosen (by the teacher or pupils) appropriate to the task set. Children have the opportunity to work in groups of both mixed and same gender and ability.
- Pupils with special educational needs are able to develop confidence through the expression of their feelings in music, as it is a subject in which success does not depend on academic ability.

- Children who demonstrate a talent for music through musical skills beyond their age will be given extra challenges through differentiated work, questioning and homework, and through extra-curricular activities and performing opportunities.
- Children will be encouraged to use their own instruments, including the recorder, during composing activities.
- Pupils' achievements are celebrated in display and performance opportunities. We celebrate the musical ability of all pupils, including those with musical talent, through regular performances.
- Annual community events include Christmas pantomime and choir performances. Good Work Assemblies often contain a musical performance and are performed throughout the year.
- Additional music activities include a school choir. Peripatetic teachers are available for tuition at a fixed cost on string and woodwind instruments.

Music Scheme of Work Planning

Our school uses the Kapow scheme as the basis for its curriculum planning. While there are opportunities for children of all abilities to develop their skills and knowledge in each teaching unit, the planned progression built into the scheme of work means that the children are increasingly challenged as they move through the school. Various other resources are available such as BBC Ten pieces to support our teaching of music. Our music planning is geared to three aspects of progress:

- Increasing breadth and range of musical experiences;
- Increasing challenge and difficulty in musical activities
- Increasing confidence, sensitivity and creativity in the children's music making.

Role of the Music Coordinator

- Endeavour to promote a dynamic approach to the development of music ensuring that music has a high profile at the School.
- Co-ordinate with feeder school to ensure coverage and consistency across the primary age.
- To update and administer school music curriculum and oversee its implementation by other staff.
- Keep up to date with developments in music through reading and course attendance etc.
- Report back on courses attended.
- Encourage staff to go on appropriate in-service courses.
- Advise and support staff with music.
- Be responsible for overall cataloguing, storage, purchase and upkeep of all school music resources and facilities. To organise any budgets made available from various funds and to ensure money is used to its best advantage.

- Regularly review and update the school policy statement and guidelines as required (outlining the aims, objectives and philosophy involved in music)
- To organise concerts for children to attend and organise concerts and workshops for children in school. Coordinate extra-curricular music activities as appropriate to staffing and pupil interest.
- Represent the school at external meetings in relation to music.

Health and Safety

- Instruments are put away carefully after each session unless on display or in use elsewhere.
- Instruments are stored appropriately according to size, weight and shape.
- Children are encouraged to take care when transporting instruments.
- Children are taught not to step over instruments and to handle all instruments with care and respect.
- Extra care is taken with electrical equipment and children's attention drawn to the potential dangers posed by electric socket, plugs and cables and the misuse of electronic equipment and instruments.
- Appropriate steps are taken to ensure hygienic use of blowing instruments especially in line with Covid Protocols.
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Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed every two years or earlier if necessary.