# St Faith's Church of England Primary School Music Development Plan

## Overview

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| Academic year that this summary covers | 2024-2025 |
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| Name of the school music lead | Emily Woodcock |
| Name of local music hub | Hampshire Music Service |

*"All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.*

*It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the national plan for music education:*

- *timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3*
- *access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice*
- *a school choir or vocal ensemble*
- *a school ensemble, band or group*
- *space for rehearsals and individual practice*
- *a termly school performance*
- *opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year"*

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – music curriculum, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

## Part A: Music Curriculum

**This section is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.**

St Faith's is proud to be recognised as a Music Mark School for our commitment to providing a high-quality music education. The music curriculum is currently under review (September 2024) and an audit is being carried out to understand how children are accessing music within the school. Future planning and teaching will aim to leave children from St Faith's with these essential characteristics of a musician:

- The ability to use musical language (for example, dynamics, texture, pitch) to interpret compositions and accentuate their individuality.
- The ability to create music confidently.
- The ability to explore and create sounds, develop and deconstruct ideas and communicate through performing.
- An impressive knowledge and understanding of other composers and musicians.
- The ability to think and act like creative practitioners by using their knowledge and understanding to inform, inspire and interpret ideas, observations and feelings.
- Independence, initiative and originality which they can use to develop their musicality.
- The ability to select and use instruments, processes and techniques skilfully and inventively to realise intentions and capitalise on the unexpected.
- The ability to reflect on, analyse and critically evaluate their own work and that of others.
- A passion for and a commitment to the subject.

Our bespoke music curriculum will be informed by and reflect the modal music curriculum (March 2021) and the Hampshire Music Service planning and resources. The aim of the curriculum review is to ensure every year group has three topics per academic year that focuses on a particular style of music, for example Samba, or a particular piece of music, for instance 'The Spark Catchers' by Hannah Kendall. Each topic will be carefully planned to allow children to accumulate and continuously build upon their musical knowledge and develop their musical skills.

The 'Big Ideas' that underpin Music are:

- Describing Music
- Composing
- Performing
- Transcribing

Learning knowledge in each of the 'Big Ideas' categories allows pupils to express and demonstrate their understanding of the Big Idea. These 'Big Ideas' are returned to over and over again so pupils gradually build an understanding of them.

At St Faith's, all children have a weekly 45 minute music lesson and take part in a weekly singing assembly. Music is taught in year groups and is introduced to children in Year R. Currently music is taught by class teachers in Years R, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Children in Year 4 have their music lessons delivered by a music specialist from Hampshire Music Service. This year, Year 4 children will be learning to play Samba instruments, the recorder and the ukulele. Throughout their experience of music at St Faith's, children will explore a vast selection of tuned and untuned percussion instruments from around the world.

The review of the music curriculum will assess the accessibility and enjoyment of music for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Currently there are no opportunities for children to achieve music qualifications or awards in their music lessons, however this is something that the music lead will be taking into consideration when reviewing the music offering at St Faith's.

## Part B: Co-curricular music

**This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.**

Here at St Faith's we have visiting peripatetic teachers from Hampshire Music Service. They offer a range of 1 to 1 and small group instrumental lessons. This includes guitar, brass, violin and woodwind. Children that have instrumental lessons work towards grade exams (including ABRSM). This year, Friends of Music in Winchester support 4 Pupil Premium children to receive music tuition. A number of our pupils have instrumental and singing lessons outside of school.

The school is currently investigating whether singing lessons can be offered at school.

We aim to re-establish Junior Choir, St Faith's Orchestra and musical theatre club as soon as possible.

## Part C: Musical experiences

**This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.**

All children at St Faith's take part in our weekly singing assemblies where they learn songs in preparation for school events, such as the Harvest Festival.

There is a 'music afternoon' once a term, where children in the Juniors that play instruments (including children that learn outside of school) are invited to perform in an afternoon concert. We also perform twice a year in the Perfect Pitch Lunchtime Concerts at The Hospital of St Cross. Other whole school performance opportunities include the Harvest

Festival, the Infant Nativity and Junior Carol Service. St Faiths also take part in the Hampshire School's concert at Winchester Cathedral with many other local primary schools.

We aim to organise more trips and opportunities for music outside the classroom in the future planning.