

Charing School Music Development Plan

The music development plan covers key information about how music is delivered at Charing Primary School as a curriculum subject, as an extra-curricular subject, musical experiences our school provides and how we hope to develop music in the future.

1. Music as a curriculum subject

All children at Charing, from nursery to year 6 have an in-depth experience of music during curriculum time. Each class enjoys an hour a week of music, during which time each class from Year 1 onward follows the curriculum and lesson plans from the SingUp scheme. Reception currently follows EYFS scheme and nursery incorporates all elements of music within their own curriculum to reinforce learning. The SingUp scheme incorporates all aspects of the 'Model Music Curriculum' as well as providing instrumental units where children develop the skills required to perform and compose. The curriculum covers a variety of instruments, including singing, the glockenspiel, recorders and ukuleles, taught by the music lead. This specialist teaching develops the children's knowledge of music theory and notation. All units follow the listen, appraise, compose and perform fundamentals of music; giving the children opportunities for in depth studies of different types of music from around the world. At Charing, we believe children learn music by immersing themselves in a variety of music and making their own drawing on the wide variety of genres they study. As well as the weekly music lessons children experience whole school singing once a week during dedicated singing worship.

2. Music as an extra-curricular

At Charing there are many opportunities for children to develop their musical learning beyond the curriculum. Individual and group music lessons are provided by excellent peripatetic music teachers that teach within the school day in a dedicated room. Opportunities to learn the piano, guitar, keyboard and ukulele are available. If a child shows an interest we have a good relationship with our music hub, Kent Music School, through which we can offer opportunities in other instruments. Children can learn in groups or individually and can choose to take graded qualifications alongside their teacher if they wish. Parents can register interest for a particular interest by contacting the music lead. Information about discounted lessons through Kent Music can be found here <https://www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance/>

At Charing we offer the children many opportunities to experience music with an after school choir club offering high quality vocal tuition and many opportunities to perform as a group throughout the school year, both in school and in the community at local events and celebrations. In addition,

children have the opportunity to perform as a soloist or as an ensemble during 'Charing Has Talent'.

3. Musical experiences.

There are many opportunities throughout the year for children to experience music. There is a weekly singing worship where children often perform as a class as well as a whole school. Classes perform at our local church for Harvest, Christmas and Easter services which serve the whole community as well as the family and friends of the school. Additionally, the school enjoy productions and versions of the Nativity from Class R and years 1 and 2 during December. Toward the end of every academic year, year 6 have the opportunity to perform a musical production before they move on to secondary school. Children who sing in our choir perform to the community regularly. They often sing at significant church events as well as Christmas markets and light switch-on events, summer fetes and at care homes and the local Doctor's surgery to lift the spirits of people within Charing community. Children will often attend events organise during the school day by Kent Music where we visit local secondary schools and join with other primary schools to practice and perform.

4. Future Developments

Throughout the next academic year Charing will look to further strengthen music across the school. Firstly we will look to increase class teachers' confidence when teaching music, enabling them to teach instruments and singing with assurance via CPD sessions with the music lead and our good relationship with our music hub. EYFS and Reception classes will have training and move over to using SingUp to ensure a smooth transition from EYFS to infants. Our peripatetic teachers will continue to offer high quality lessons and the school will continue to help with funding if required. We are looking to develop the use of music technology within the school alongside the acquisition of new ipads. Additionally, we are looking to invest in a new set of class instruments to enable a broader musical experience for the children and to introduce a book for each class so they can record their learning when it isn't appropriate to record it. We are always investigating opportunities to take children to live performances and for more opportunities to perform.

As a school our vision is that all children leave Charing able to enjoy and appreciate a wide variety of music and will gain an enthusiasm for the subject that will stay with them forever.

