

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation



## Music Development Plan

### Part A: Curriculum music

At Wittersham Church of England Primary School, our commitment to a comprehensive, personalised curriculum, infused with the golden threads of Compare, Reflect, and Discover, extends to all areas of education, including our Music curriculum. Guided by the versatile and engaging Kapow curriculum, our Music curriculum aims to foster creativity, emotional expression, and cognitive development in students. Through the lens of Compare, Reflect, and Discover, students explore various musical genres and styles, reflect on the emotional and cultural significance of music, and discover their own musical voices.

In our Music curriculum, we adopt an experiential learning approach inspired by Carl Orff, encouraging active, hands-on musical exploration. Students engage in practical music-making, learning to play instruments, compose melodies, and perform in ensembles. This approach cultivates courage, risk-taking, and cooperation among students, fostering creativity, confidence, and cultural awareness. Children experience six sessions of music a term, learning ocarina, ukulele, and recorder, as well as being exposed to examples of the BBC Ten Pieces of classical music throughout their curriculum journey.

#### Potential next steps:

- Enhance the integration of technology in music lessons to further engage students and expand learning opportunities.
- Collaborate with local musicians or music organisations to provide real-world experiences and mentorship for students.
- Implement regular assessments to track individual progress and tailor instruction to meet the diverse needs of students.

### Part B: Co-curricular music

At Wittersham Church of England Primary School, music plays a significant role in our co-curricular activities. We have a choir, weekly singing practise, a yearly talent show, and hymns and praise are integral to our identity as a church school. The choir club, attended by approximately 25 children, meets weekly and is led by a class teacher and a community member with expertise in music. Additionally, our Rocksteady club provides students with the opportunity to join bands, learn to play instruments, and collaborate on musical performances, promoting a lifelong love of music and exploring future pathways in the music industry.

#### Potential next steps:

- Expand co-curricular music offerings to include more diverse musical genres and styles to cater to a wide range of student interests.
- Organise community concerts or events where students can showcase their musical talents and interact with a broader audience.

- Establish partnerships with local music venues or organisations to provide students with authentic performance opportunities and mentorship.

### **Part C: Musical experiences**

At Wittersham Church of England Primary School, students engage in a variety of musical experiences that enrich their learning and cultural awareness. They participate in events such as Young Voices at the O2, termly church services, and key church events like Advent, Easter, and Harvest, where they sing alongside the church choir. These experiences not only enhance their musical skills but also foster a sense of community, collaboration, and appreciation for different musical traditions.

#### **Potential next steps:**

- Incorporate more opportunities for students to engage with professional musicians or attend live performances to broaden their musical horizons.
- Integrate multicultural music elements into school events and performances to celebrate diversity and promote cultural understanding.
- Establish a music ambassador programme where students can take on leadership roles in promoting music education within the school and local community.

#### **In the Future**

As we look to further develop our musical provision and equipment at Wittersham Church of England Primary School, promoting singing within our lessons will remain a priority. Additionally, we aim to enhance student involvement in music through initiatives such as:

- Investing in updated musical instruments and technology to enhance student learning and creativity.
- Introducing music workshops or masterclasses led by professional musicians to inspire and mentor students.

Collaborating with local music organisations or artists to provide unique performance opportunities and workshops for our students