

Music Development Plan Summary

St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Alexia Zographou
Name of local music hub	Croydon Music & Arts: Music Education Hub
Name of other music organisations	Rocksteady Soundstart

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, 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: Curriculum music

This 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.

Music is an important part of our school curriculum here at St Aidan's.

We believe in the value of a broad and balanced curriculum that develops all our children's God-given gifts.

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all children are introduced to a wide range of percussion instruments in order to embed the central skills of listening and responding, composing and playing, alongside the concept of rhythm.

Progressing from this broad foundation all children then specialise in the skills needed to master the following instruments:

- Year 2 Recorder
- Year 3 Violin or Cello
- Year 4 Toots
- Year 5 Ukulele

- Year 6 Recorder

Each week a significant proportion of the school timetable is set aside for music in all its forms:

- 60 minutes music lesson
- 30 minutes singing practice.

Our music curriculum is bespoke to our school and has been created by one of our teachers with a music specialism.

Each class also has the opportunity to learn about a famous composer and draw on links with modern day music.

Further information about our school's music curriculum offer can be found on our school website:

- www.staidansschool.co.uk/our-curriculum/the-arts/

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.

At St Aidan's, singing is a part of what makes our school special:

- All children sing weekly as part of the infant or junior singing lessons.
- Some children are part of the school's choir that practises one lunchtime each week.
- Many children sing as part of the school's monthly Sunday School Mass.

At St Aidan's, children have additional opportunities beyond the school's taught music curriculum to develop their individual musical skills through one-to-one, small group and large group tuition in a wide range of instruments:

- Guitar
- Piano
- Violin

At St Aidan's, children also have opportunities to progress further by involvement in:

- Soundstart Orchestra.
- Rock Steady Music bands.

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.

At St Aidan's there are frequent opportunities across the school year to perform in assemblies, liturgies, concerts, shows and performances:

- Weekly school assembly
- Year 5 Easter Passion Production
- Year 6 Production
- Rec and Year 1 Nativity Performance
- Music concert
- school Talent Show
- School Masses
- Class Assemblies
- Whole School Talent Show
- Coulsdon Cluster Choir performance
- Year 5 and 6 Young voices performance at the O2 Arena.

The Children at St. Aidan's have an annual pantomime performance.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

At St. Aidan's in order to enhance our Music Curriculum our Next Steps are:

- space for rehearsals and individual practice.
- a termly school performance.
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year.

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go for support beyond the school.

Local Music Hub

- Croydon Music & Arts: Music Education Hub
- musicandarts.education@croydon.gov.uk
- <https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/>