# ***Music intent, implementation and impact***

## Intent

Music is an essential part of life; integral in the development of the whole person. We believe that the opportunity to engage in musical experiences is crucial for the development of the whole child. Learning music develops all aspects of a child's learning. These abilities are directly transferable to other areas of the curriculum, allowing children to flourish, and will be invaluable in their future life. At our school, children have access to music through regular class lessons, worship, performance opportunities and extra opportunities such as peripatetic music lessons, orchestra, choir and wider performance opportunities with other schools and in the local community. At St Alban's, Music demonstrates the school drivers, Believe, Achieve and Succeed

Through playing, singing, creating and performing, children will develop confidence, communication, thinking and creative skills and improve their emotional well-being. In addition, as these activities utilise both sides of the brain, it will foster connections which will improve memory and coordination. Children will find that music is enjoyable and relaxing and can help reduce stress. All children will be able to experience a sense of achievement and pride. It is our vision that every child adopts an understanding and love of music which they can carry with them for the rest of their lives. An appreciation of music enables children to be happy, well-adjusted and cooperative adult.

Music feeds the soul.

The Music Subject Leader is Kathy Talbot

## Implementation

The principal categories of the National Curriculum are taught to each Year Group. A specialist Music teacher provides 1 hour lessons to all children. In Key Stage 2 children have the opportunity to learn an instrument through the overture programme which in the last two years has involved all children in Year 4 learning violin with a specialist teacher, and guitar with the music co-ordinator. In Year 3, all children also learn the recorder. Music is a foundation subject within in the National Curriculum and encompasses the following key areas which, when taken together, all contribute towards the steadily increasing development of musicianship, singing, listening, composing and performing/ Instrumental Performance

At St Alban's we ensure this when we:

Perform, listen to, review and appraise music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions which reflects the diverse community in which we live.

Learn to sing and to use voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology through Chrome Music lab, Garage Band, and to a lesser extent, Abelton Live The playground

Understand and explore how music is created through the building blocks of music: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

Develop performance expertise through musical opportunities such as: end of year concerts, assembly performances, mass, collaboration with local schools, Nativity performances and class drama/musical performances throughout the year.

**Impact**

The impact reflects what we have achieved from our intent, and we can see it by the vast array of activities and opportunities below which sees the three drivers ‘Believe Achieve and Succeed”

Christmas performances and ensembles to peers and local community.
Each class does a performance to parents once each year
Year 5 works with groups from other schools and professional organisations
Pupils regularly perform at concerts, assemblies, and in church.
Key Stage 2 visits to concert halls
Key Stage 2 choir and orchestra
Visiting peripatetic staff provide piano, woodwind, guitar and string lessons.