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### What is Chalkwell Hall Junior School's vision for music?

At Chalkwell Hall, we believe that music inspires, connects, and empowers our children. Our music action plan is designed to give children the unique opportunity to explore, compose, play, and perform using a diverse range of instruments. We celebrate each child's individuality and embrace the richness of diverse backgrounds, values, and perspectives that our children bring, nurturing an inclusive curriculum that prepares them for life in our multicultural society.

Through our music offer, we aim to ignite a love for music in our students, fostering confidence and offering them a wide array of cultural experiences. We believe that music has the ability to not only enrich lives but also to develop important skills such as teamwork, creativity, and communication. By providing a supportive and inspiring environment, we empower our children to express themselves through music and to appreciate the beauty of different musical styles and traditions. Together, we create harmonies that resonate, not only within our school walls, but also in the wider community.

#### What are the key components of music teaching at Chalkwell Hall Junior School?

Music curriculum – minimum of 1hr per week per class Classroom instrumental teaching from Year 3 to 6.

Progression from classroom instrumental teaching.

Small group & 1-1 teaching from a peripatetic music teacher.

Links with external music organisations.
Pupil Premium student engagement
Succession planning and CPD
Choirs & instrumental ensembles;

Performance opportunities

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## How is classroom instrumental teaching taught at Chalkwell Hall Junior School?

All year groups at Chalkwell Hall Junior School start Autumn term by learning about and deepening their knowledge of music theory. It is essential that children are able to name notes and know their lengths before reading the notes on a music score when learning how to play instruments.

In year 3, the children learn how to play a glockenspiel; the focus is on learning different rhythms, understanding each note's length and reading music within the C scale.

In year 4, this knowledge of how to play a glockenspiel is deepened, with some children mastering the instrument; the children begin to learn the descant recorder nearer the end of year 4 so that they are able to apply their understanding of the C scale to a more complex instrument.

In year 5, the children continue to learn the descant recorder, focusing on the lower notes. They then move onto learning the basic chords of the ukulele.

In year 6, the children recap the full range of recorder notes, with some children mastering the instrument; the children will also continue their ukulele playing, learning more complex chords and songs. By the end of year 6, the children will be exposed to music scores in every music lesson as well as reading music in different ways, such as ukulele tab.

# How are the key components implemented at Chalkwell Hall Junior School?

Music curriculum/class instrumental teaching: See our music progression document for 2025-2026.

Peripatetic music teaching: 1:1 and small group lessons in: keyboard, piano, ukulele, guitar (acoustic and electric)
Pupil Premium student engagement: small group lessons and child-led sessions in: keyboard, piano, ukulele, guitar (acoustic and electric), percussion and singing

Links with external music organisations: Music-on-Sea, our local music hub.

Succession planning and CPD: See action plan targets below.

Choirs & instrumental ensembles: Glee Club, Choir, Rock Band, Music Groups formed from PP lessons

Performance opportunities: Local care home visits, local music venues, Carol Concert at St Michael's and All

Angels Church in Westcliff-on-Sea; Young Voices at the O2 Arena, London; Southend Makes Music at The Palace
Theatre, Southend-on-Sea and Chalkwell Summer Show at The Eastwood Academy.

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Action Plan Targets:						
Intent	Success Criteria	Implementation	Impact	Review		
To monitor the planning of music lessons to ensure they are appropriately adapted to meet the	<ul> <li>Provide a staff meeting to recap on Kapow's features and resources</li> <li>Inform the staff in this</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Monitor planning and smartboards for adaptations and progression.</li> <li>Provide teachers with</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To improve confidence in teacher's music knowledge and planning</li> <li>To ensure progression across</li> </ul>	Autumn: Spring:		
varying needs of pupils across all classes at Chalkwell.	<ul> <li>meeting of the change in curriculum map</li> <li>Offer support with new Kapow units</li> <li>Work closely with staff who are planning Kapow lessons to ensure that the lessons are being adapted to suit the children's needs</li> <li>Ensure that progression is apparent across year groups through both knowledge content and the ways in which music is being recorded in books and in performances.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>support in planning.</li> <li>Encourage others to use and edit planning provided by music lead to ensure knowledge is being improved.</li> <li>Videos to be uploaded on SEESAW to monitor progression.</li> <li>Continue to use starter slides to ensure key skills are being taught.</li> </ul>	the year groups  To maintain high engagement in music  To inspire children to want to develop their musicality  To build upon children's prior knowledge in music.	Summer:		

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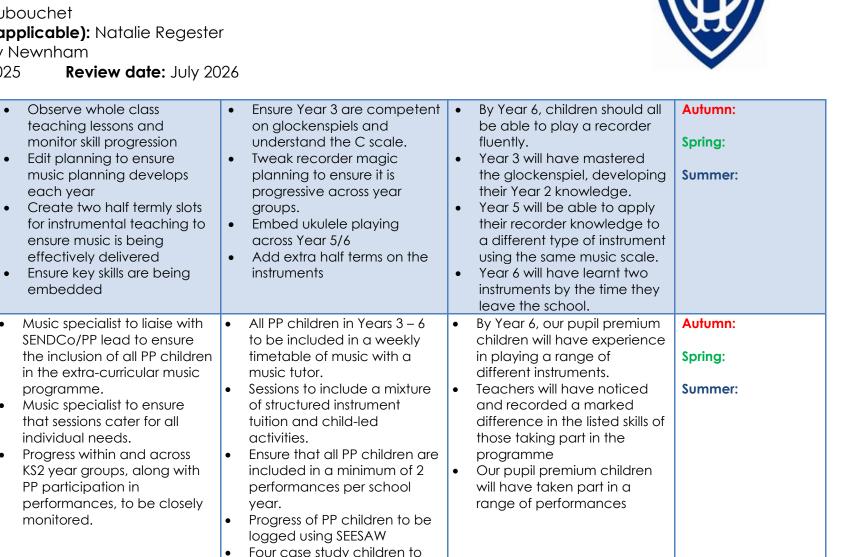
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		monitor and assess progress in music and listed skills.		
To embed a music curriculum that promotes diversity by promoting race, gender and disability so that all children can identify with the curriculum they are being taught.	<ul> <li>To analyse the cultural context of the children in our year groups</li> <li>To find opportunities within planning to reflect the cultural context of your year group</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Find opportunities within planning to relate the curriculum to the cultural context</li> <li>Purchase resources as needed to support our teaching</li> <li>Complete a termly planning scrutiny to monitor diversity and equality across the music curriculum.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Children relate to their music curriculum.</li> <li>Children are highly motivated by what they are learning.</li> <li>Children are aware and have a greater understanding of the world around them.</li> </ul>	Autumn: Spring: Summer: