Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School

Whole School Development Plan for Music

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Underpinning Principles

The guiding principles which inform the teaching and learning of Music in our school are:

- 1. Music is for all teachers and all children
- 2. The three strands are equally important (i) Listening and Responding (ii) Performing and (iii) Composing
- 3. Active enjoyable participation is fundamental to the Music curriculum
- 4. Music enhances and enriches the child's life

Introductory Statement and Rationale

- (a) Introductory Statement: This plan was formulated by the teaching staff of Donabate Portrane Educate Together with reference to The Primary Curriculum Guidelines for Music. We see music as offering lifelong opportunities for the development of imagination, sensitivity, inventiveness, risk taking and enjoyment. The curriculum emphasises active responses and music making at all levels and we embrace this in our school.
- (b) Rationale: We are drawing up this plan to build on good practice and to help teachers plan.

Vision and Aims

(a) Vision: Our school recognises that Music education is part of a balanced curriculum which aims to develop the whole spectrum of the child's intelligence. We also seek to develop the child's aesthetic, intellectual, emotional, creative and cultural development through engagement in positive musical experiences.

(b) Aims: We endorse the aims of the Primary Curriculum for music, which are:

- to enable the child to enjoy and understand music and to appreciate it critically
- to develop the child's openness to, awareness of and response to a wide range of musical genres, including Irish music
- to develop the child's capacity to express ideas, feeling and experiences through music as an individual and in collaboration with others
- to enable the child to develop his/her musical potential and to experience the excitement and satisfaction of being actively engaged in musical creativity
- to nurture the child's self-esteem and self-confidence through participation in music performance
- to foster higher order thinking and lifelong learning through the acquisition of musical knowledge, skills, concepts and values
- to enhance the quality of the child's life through aesthetic musical experience

Musical Concepts

Through engaging in the strands and strand units the child should be enabled to develop a sense of the Musical Concepts of pulse, duration, tempo, pitch, dynamics, structure, timbre, texture and style.

	1. Listening and Responding	
	Strand Unit: Exploring sounds	
Objectives	Ŭ	
Infant classes P 19 curriculum	 Environmental Sounds Listen to, identify and imitate familiar sounds in the environment from varying sources Describe sounds and classify them into sound families Vocal Sounds Recognise the difference between the speaking voice and the singing voice and use these voices in different ways Recognise different voices Use sound words and word phrases to describe and imitate selected sounds Body Percussion Discover ways of making sounds using body percussion Instruments Explore ways of making sounds using manufactured and home-made instruments Experiment with a variety of techniques using manufactured and home-made instruments 	
1 st & 2 nd classes <i>P32</i> <i>curriculum</i>	 <i>Environmental Sounds</i> Listen to, identify and imitate familiar sounds in the environment with increasing awareness Recognise and classify sounds using differing criteria <i>Vocal Sounds</i> Recognise and demonstrate pitch differences Identify pitch differences in different voices Explore the natural speech rhythm of familiar words <i>Body Percussion</i> Discover ways of making sounds using body percussion <i>Instruments</i> Explore ways of making sounds using manufactured and home-made instruments Explore how the sound of different instruments can suggest different sounds 	
3 rd & 4 th classes	 <i>Environmental Sounds</i> Listen to and describe a widening variety of sounds from an increasing range of sources Classify and describe sounds within a narrow range 	

P48/49 curriculum	 Vocal Sounds Recognise and demonstrate pitch differences Discover the different kinds of sounds that the singing voice can make Imitate patterns of long or short sounds vocally Body Percussion Discover ways of making sounds using body percussion, in pairs and small groups Instruments Explore ways of making sounds using manufactured and home-made instruments Explore how the tone colour of suitable instruments can suggest various sounds and sound pictures
5 th &6 th	Environmental Sounds
Classes	 Listen to sounds in the environment with an increasing understanding of how sounds are produced and organised Vocal Sounds
	• Explore a range of sounds that the singing voice and the speaking voice can make
	• Distinguish and describe vocal ranges and tone colours heard in a piece of music
P 68/69/70 curriculum	 Body Percussion Identify a variety of ways of making sounds using body percussion in pairs and in small and large groups Instruments
	 Explore ways of making sounds using manufactured and home-made instruments Explore how the tone colour of suitable instruments can suggest various sounds and sound pictures
	Strand Unit: Listening and responding to Music
Objectives	Shana Chu, Distoning and responding to music
Infants	• Listen to a range of short pieces of music or excerpts
	 Respond imaginatively to short pieces of music through movement
	• Talk about pieces of music, giving preferences, and illustrate responses
P20/21	in a variety of ways
P20/21 curriculum	Show the steady beat in listening to live or recorded musicRecognise and show the difference between fast and slow tempos
	 Recognise and show the difference between loud and soft sounds
	 Recognise and show the difference between high and low sounds
	• Listen and respond to patterns of long and short sounds
1 st & 2 nd	• Listen to a range of short, familiar and unfamiliar pieces of music or
classes	excerpts
	• Respond imaginatively to pieces of music through movement
	• Talk about pieces of music, giving preferences, and illustrate responses
P33/34	 a variety of ways Show the steady beat in listening to live or recorded music.

curriculum	accompanying or chants
	Differentiate between steady
	music and music without a steady beat
	• Identify and show the tempo of the music as fast or slow, getting faster
	or getting slower
	• Differentiate between sounds at different dynamic levels (loud and soft,
	getting louder and softer)
	 Perceive the difference between long and short sound
	Identify obviously different instruments
3 rd &4 th	
	• Listen to and describe music in various styles and genres, including
classes	familiar excerpts, recognising its function and historical context where
	appropriate
	• Describe initial reactions to or feelings about, his/her compositions and
	the compositions of others giving preferences and reasons
	Respond imaginatively to longer pieces in a variety of ways
	• Show the steady beat in listening to live or recorded music.
	accompanying or chants
	• Differentiate between steady music and music without a steady beat
	• Recognise strong and weak beats, illustrating them through gestures
	• Identify and show the tempo of the music as fast or slow, getting faster
	or getting slower
	• Distinguish between sounds of different duration (long or short) while
	listening to music
	Identify some families of instruments
	• Respond appropriately to obviously different sections in a piece
P50/51	• Discover 2-time beat and 3-time beat by using gesture to accompany
curriculum	music
	• Experience 6/8 time (like a jig)
th o th	
5 th & 6 th	• Listen to and describe a broad range of musical styles and traditions,
Classes	including familiar excerpts, recognising their functions and historical
	context where appropriate
	• Listen to his/her own compositions and the compositions of others,
	recordings or live performances and evaluate in terms of personal
	response, choice of instruments and expressive qualities
	• Respond imaginatively to longer pieces in a variety of ways
	• Identify families of instruments
	• Examine the effects produced by different instruments
	• Distinguish the main instrument heard in a piece of music
	Recognise and understand how tempo and dynamic choices contribute
	to an expressive musical performance
P68/69/70	• Recognise strong and weak beats, illustrating them through gestures
Curriculum	• Identify two-beat or three-beat time in moving to music
	• Identify six-eight time in moving to music
	• Determine simple form and represent through gesture
	• Experience dotted rhythms or syncopation in familiar tunes through
	gestures and movement.
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Performing Strand Unit: Song Singing Please note: There are a list of recommended songs for each level attached to this document, these are available on the network. **Teacher guidelines** • P70-88 General guidelines for Song Singing • P72 <u>Singing ranges</u> • P74 Singing with the musical elements in minds • P76- 81 Effective singing skills • P84-85 Developing part singing • P86/87 Public performances • P88 Overcoming singing difficulties • P 82/83 Exemplar 14 <u>Teaching a song</u> (first to sixth classes) **Objectives** Infants Recognise and sing familiar songs from other sources • Recognise and imitate short melodies in echoes, developing a sense of pitch Show the steady beat in listening to or accompanying songs or rhythmic chants Show while singing, whether songs move from high to low or from low to P22 high curriculum Perform songs and rhymes with a sense of dynamic control where appropriate 1st & 2nd Recognise and sing with increasing vocal control and confidence a growing range of songs and melodies classes Recognise and imitate short melodies in echoes, Show the steady beat when performing familiar songs, singing games or rhythmic chants Understand the difference between beat and rhythm Perceive the shape of melodies as moving upwards, downwards or staying the same Select the dynamic most suitable to a song P35 Notice obvious differences created between sections of songs in various curriculum forms 3rd &4th Unison singing Sing from memory a widening repertoire of songs with increasing vocal classes control, confidence and expression Show greater control of pulse and tempo while singing well- known tunes Understand the difference between beat and rhythm Perform familiar songs with increasing understanding and control of pitch and extended vocal range

• Performing familiar songs with increasing awareness of dynamics, phrasing

	and expression
	• Notice obvious differences created between sections of songs in various
	forms
P52/53	Simple part singing
curriculum	 Perform a rhythmic or melodic ostinato or drone in accompanying a song
	 Perform, in groups, simple rounds in two or more parts
5 th & 6 th	Unison singing
Classes	• Recognise and sing from memory a more demanding repertoire of songs
	with an awareness of the social, historical and cultural contexts of the music
	• Sing independently with increasing awareness and control of pulse, tempo,
	pitch, diction and posture
	• Perform familiar songs with increased control, dynamics, phrasing and
	expression
	• Relate words and mood of a song to style and performance
	 Notice the differences created between the sections of songs in different forms
	 Explore structural elements within familiar songs
	Simple part singing
	 Perform a rhythmic or melodic ostinato or drone in accompanying a song
	 Distinguish individual parts in a round by singing, listening, moving or by
	observing notational cues
	• Perform a round in several different textures
	• Perform, as a part of a group, two songs sung individually and as partner
	songs
	• Perform as part of a group, arrangements of songs that include simple
	countermelodies or harmony parts
<i>P71/72</i>	• Identify unison parts and harmony parts visually and aurally
Curriculum	
	Performing
	6
	Strand Unit: Literacy
Teacher guid	
	General guidelines for Literacy
	Fraphic notation
	Standard notation
 P93 <u>Note</u> P96-99 P 	
	itatonic music
	nplar 16 Sequence for teaching a new element
	Exemplar 17 Stages of pitch notation
	emplar 19 Introducing a new note
 P136 <u>Har</u> 	
	uggested sequence in rhythm
	uggested sequence in melody
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Objectives	
Infants	Early Literacy
	 Match selected sound with their pictured source
	• Recognise and perform simple rhythm patterns from pictorial symbols
P23	
curriculum	
1 st & 2 nd	<u>Rhythm</u>
classes	• Identify and perform familiar rhythm patterns from memory and from notation
	<u>Pitch</u>
	• Recognise the shape of a simple melody
	• Recognise and sing familiar tunes and singing games within a range of two or three notes
P36/37	Rhythm & Pitch
curriculum	• Recognise and sing simple tunes, from simplified notation, combining rhythm and pitch
3 rd &4 th	Rhythm
classes	• Identify and define the rhythm patterns of well-known songs and chants
Classes	• Recognise and use some standard symbols to notate metre and rhythm
	Pitch
	• Recognise and sing familiar, simple tunes in a variety of ways
	• Recognise the shape of melodies on a graphic score or in standard notation
	• Use standard symbols to identify and sing limited range of notes and melodic patterns
P54/55/56	 Use standard symbols to notate simple rhythm and pitch
curriculum	Rhythm & Pitch
	• Discover how pentatonic tunes can be read, sung and played in g doh, c doh or f doh
th o th	• Dhudhau
5 th & 6 th	 <u>Rhythm</u> Recognise longer and more complex rhythm patterns of familiar songs and
Classes	• Recognise longer and more complex mythin patients of rammar songs and chants
	• Recognise, name and use some standard symbols to notate metre and rhythm
	<u>Pitch</u>
	• Recognise and sing familiar tunes in an increasing variety of ways
	• Recognise the shape of a melody and movement by steps or by leaps, from a graphic score or from notation
	<u>Rhythm & Pitch</u>
	• Use standard symbols to read, sing and play simple melodies from sight
	• Use standard symbols with increasing fluency and accuracy to notate simple rhythm and pitch
	• Recognise that melodies can be read, sung or played in different keys
	• Read, sing and play simple tunes from sight with C G F as doh
P73/74/75 Curriculum	• Understand the function of major key signatures as indicating the position of doh

Performing

Strand Unit: Playing instruments

Teacher guidelines

- P104-109 General guidelines for playing instruments
- P109 <u>Tin Whistle</u>
- P130/131 <u>Musical instruments suitable for primary schools</u>
- P132-135 How to hold and play some percussion instruments

Objectives	
Infants	Play simple percussion instruments
	• Use simple home-made and manufactured instruments to accompany songs,
P23	nursery rhymes and rhythmic chants
curriculum	Senior Infants prepare and take part in a Winter Performance annually
1 st & 2 nd	• Play some percussion instruments with confidence
classes	• Use percussion instruments to show the beat or rhythm in accompanying songs or rhythmic chants
<i>P38</i>	• Identify and perform simple two-note or three-note tunes by ear or from simple notation
r 58 curriculum	• First Classes join together to form our Junior Choir, they practise regularly and take part in performances throughout the year
	• Second Class learn to play the Ukulele, including la, so, mi and the Chord of C
3 rd &4 th	• Discover different ways of playing percussion and melodic instruments
classes	• Use percussion instruments to show the beat or rhythm in accompanying songs or rhythmic chants
	 Identify and perform simple, familiar tunes from memory or from notation Third Class prepare and take part in a Winter Performance annually
P57 curriculum	• The Fourth Classes form our Senior Choir, they practise regularly and take part in performances in school and in outside venues throughout the year
5 th & 6 th Classes	 Perform a range of playing techniques on a wide selection of percussion and melodic instruments
Classes	 Use percussion instruments with increasing confidence and skill to accompany tunes, songs and chants
P76	• Identify and perform familiar tunes from memory or from notation
Curriculum	independently
	Fifth Class prepare and take part in a Winter Performance annuallySixth Class prepare and take part in their Graduation annually

Composing		
Strand Unit: Improvising and Creating		
 P113 Exc P114 Exc P115 Exc P116 Co 	elines 9 <u>General guidelines</u> for Improvising and creating emplar 20 <u>Accompanying a story, song or game</u> emplar 21 <u>Accompanying a poem</u> emplar 22 <u>Using musical elements</u> mposing with rhythmic elements mposing using melodic elements	
Infants P24 curriculum	 Select sounds from a variety of sources to create simple sound ideas individually and in groups Invent and perform short, simple musical pieces with some control of musical elements Improvise new answers to given melodic patterns 	
1 st &2 nd classes P39 curriculum 3 rd &4 th classes	 Select sounds from a variety of sources to illustrate a character or a sequence of events individually and in groups Invent and perform short musical pieces with increasing ease and control of musical elements Recall, answer and invent simple melodic and rhythmic patterns, using voices, body percussion and instruments Select different kinds of sounds (voice, body percussion, untuned and tuned percussion, simple melodic instruments, electronic instruments) to portray a character ,a sequence of events or an atmosphere in sound stories Invent and perform simple musical pieces that show a developing awareness of musical elements Recall, answer and invent simple melodic and rhythmic patterns, using voice, body percussion and instruments 	
P58 <u>curriculum</u> 5 th & 6 th Classes Curriculum P77	 Select a wide variety of sound sources (voices, body percussion, untuned and tuned percussion, melodic instruments and technology for a range of musical purposes Invent and perform pieces that show an increasing awareness and control of musical elements Recall, answer and invent melodic and rhythmic patterns, using voices, body percussion and instruments 	

Composing Strand Unit: Talking about and recording compositions Teacher guidelines	
	1 Talking about and recording compositions
Objectives	
Infants	• Talk about his/her work and the work of other children
J	• Invent graphic symbols for single sounds and sound effects
P25	Record compositions on electronic media
curriculum	
1 st & 2 nd	• Talk about his/her work and the work of other children
classes	• Invent graphic symbols or use standard notation to represent selected sounds
P40/41	Record compositions on electronic media
curriculum	
$3^{rd} \& 4^{th}$	• Describe and discuss his/ her work and the work of other children
classes	• Devise and use graphic symbols and/or use standard notation to record simple musical patterns and inventions
P59	Record compositions on electronic media
curriculum	
5 th & 6 th	• Reflect upon and evaluate his/her work and the work of other children
Classes	• Devise and use graphic symbols and/or use standard notation to record different lines of musical patterns and inventions
P78/79	Record compositions on electronic media
Curriculum	

Suggested activities to support these objectives at all levels are available from the music co-ordinator.

2. Approaches and Methodologies

All children will be actively engaged in music education in our school. Approaches and methodologies used will be based on the active learning strategies recommended in the curriculum:

- Talk and discussion
- Active learning
- Collaborative learning
- Problem solving
- Skills through content
- Use of environment
- Guided discovery
- Use of ICT

- Direct teaching
- Learning through play
- Live performances
- Tonic solfa
- Hand signs
- Responding to music in a variety of ways
- Chants
- Call and response
- Visual scaffolding
- Clapping, conducting, marching, dancing
- Recording sounds using graphic symbols
- Miming the movements of performers
- Imitating environmental sounds with body percussion
- Responding to music in a variety of ways
- Singing games and action songs

We are currently using 'The Right Note' music scheme (Folens) in every class in the school.

3. Linkage and Integration

Integration

Particular attention will be given to possibilities for integration.

As a staff we see possibilities for integrating our work in music with the following aspects of other subject areas:

- Oral language (English/Gaeilge)
- Design and make (Science)
- Energy and forces- Sound (Science)

Visual arts:

- Construction
- Drawing
- Paint

- Elements of art: an awareness of line, pattern, shape

P.E.:

- Dance: Exploration, creation and performance of dance

History

Geography

Ethical Education/ Learn Together

Drama

Etc.

Integration may also be approached through planning on a thematic basis.

As a staff we will also avail of opportunities for linkage between strands when planning individual music activities.

5. Children with Different Needs

It is the policy of our school that all children will participate in music activities. Music activities will be differentiated in order to meet the needs of the children in a particular class.

Where a teacher recognises that a child displays a particular ability in Music, this will be communicated to the parents, so that the child may have opportunity to take out of school music lessons, circumstances permitting. We recognise that some children in our school learn musical instruments. Teachers will encourage such children to play for their classmates so that the other children will have opportunities to listen and respond to live music.

6. Equality of Participation and Access

As an Educate Together School, equal opportunities will be given to all children regardless of gender, ethnic background and socio-economic status across all strands and activities.

7. Timetable

All classes will have a minimum of one hour per week of Music. This time allocation may be broken down at the discretion of the individual teacher. We recognise that in the junior classes, the time allotted may be of shorter duration on a more frequent basis, while senior classes may divide the hour into longer time spans, such as two thirty-minute sessions, or three twentyminute sessions.

Teachers may also choose to block times for music at particular times of the year. Timetables will all record the time allocation for Music.

There is discretionary time available each week (Infants: one hour, First to Sixth Classes: two hours) that teachers can occasionally use to support the Music curriculum.

Teachers should ensure that pupils attending supplementary teaching are included for as much of the Music programme as possible.

8. Resources and ICT

The list of resources available for teachers in the school is attached to this plan.

An appropriate amount of money may be requested from the Board of Management to fund our music programme. Parents may be requested to make a very small contribution should we find a shortfall in finances. Contributions may also be requested from the Parents' / Teacher Association, grants from the DES and sponsorship from local businesses.

9. Health and Safety

Care and attention will be given to the following:

- Hidden dangers if children are moving around the classroom
- o Storage facilities
- o Access to, and transport of equipment/instruments
- Ventilation of the classrooms

Amount of space for children to sit or stand when doing choral or instrumental work
 Appropriate volume levels when using audio equipment and instruments.

10. Individual Teachers' Planning and Reporting

Planning for the school year

Each level may collaborate on content and methodology for the music curriculum in the forthcoming year. Details of these decisions will be recorded by the class teacher. Each teacher is responsible for their own class planning.

11. Staff Development

Staff needs will be assessed and the local Education Centre will be requested to provide suitable ongoing training as the need arises. The staff will also avail of training as provided by the Department of Education and Science.

12. Parental Involvement

Parents who sing or play instruments, or who are willing to help with making instruments from found materials, or who would like to be involved in musical events in the school will always be welcomed by the staff of **Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School.**

13. Community Links

The local community, musicians living locally, local arts centres and education officers, concert halls, galleries, local musical events and national support structures will all be considered as valuable resources as support for the Music Curriculum.

Initiatives which happen from time to time are

- Class performances
- School Talent Show
- School Concert/Musical

■Success Criteria

The success of this plan will be measured using the following criteria

- Continuity of content and methodology through the strands and class levels
- Ongoing assessment showing pupils are developing a level of skill, literacy and appreciation
 of music appropriate to their age and ability
 Assessment methods may include: Self-assessment, Conferencing, Portfolio Work, Concept
 Mapping, Questioning, Teacher Observation, Teacher Designed Tests and Tasks, and, Pupil
 profiles
- Children will develop a repertoire of songs to sing and tunes to play including the songs listed at Appendix 2

Information collated by the DES or outside assessment will be implemented as appropriate

■Implementation

(a) Roles and Responsibilities

A team of staff members have undertaken to review the music policy and to maintain the overall development of the music curriculum. The team will liaise with others within the school community on the matter of music development within the school. They will also be responsible for all resources.

(b) Roles and Responsibilities

Each teacher and the staff as a group will evaluate the progress in Music by referring back to our set of stated objectives as stated in this plan. A short session at a staff meeting will be allocated to this work.

■Ratification and Communication

This school plan for music has been ratified by the Board of Management of Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School.

It will be reviewed after two years and every two years thereafter. All teachers on the staff will be responsible for informing the music post holder or the music curricular team of any amendments they think should be made.

Appendix 1

List of musical instruments currently available in the school:

- 1 set of boomwhackers
- 1 little tykes xplophone
- 1 kidsway keyboard
- 1 set of chime bars + individual chime bars

- 2 little tykes drums
- 1 early learning centre keyboard
- I large and 1 small remo drum plus drumsticks
- 2 bongo drums
- 6 tambourines
- 1 tambour
- 1 gymboree percussion
- 1 large cymbal, 1 small cymbal
- 9 sets of bells
- 1 mini guitar
- 3 shakers
- 15 assorted maracas
- 14 castanets
- 2 class sets of rhythm sticks
- 18 small triangles with strikers
- 19 large triangles with strikers
- 1 mini triangle with striker
- Assorted wooden/plastic "guiros"
- 1 Roland keyboard
- 32 ukuleles

Appendix 2

Song Material that should be learned every year by each Class Level.

Junior Infants and Senior Infants

School Song Amhrán na BhFiann

First and Second Class

The Golden Rule – VBS This Pretty Planet – Tom Chapin

Third and Fourth Class

Tue, Tue – The Right Note Ireland's Call

Fifth and Sixth Class

Gold Britt Nicole We go Together – Sixth Class Right Note