

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong



Singing Strategy

Date reviewed: September 2021

Next renew date: September 2023

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Ethos and beliefs

At Ellwood Community Primary School, we believe that ALL children should have access to good quality singing opportunities every week. We believe that singing is a truly inclusive musical activity that transcends all economical and academic boundaries and that it has a huge benefit on the wellbeing of our children.

The purpose of the Singing Strategy is to ensure that every pupil has the opportunity to sing regularly and that choirs and other singing activities are available to all pupils in our primary school.

Aims

Our aims include:

- We will sing in assembly every day so that all children get to sing daily in a whole school setting.
- All staff will join in the singing in assemblies.
- There will be a singing element included in NC music lessons.
- Singing shall be encouraged to help explore subject content in all areas of the curriculum.
- We will aim to ensure there is at least one singing session per week where teachers help focus the children on high quality singing with references being made to breathing/phrasing, articulation, projection, tone/dynamics etc.
- KS2 students will be encouraged to sing in harmony at least once a week to build in an element of challenge and enhanced enjoyment and musical appreciation of singing in an ensemble (this could be for a dedicated singing group if not for everyone).

- All pupils should be given the opportunity to sing songs in a variety of genres: hymns, musicals, popular, jazz etc. and in a variety of styles: upbeat, slow, lyrical, powerful etc.
- Singing strategies will be shared regularly by staff during meetings.
- There will be a choir club after school every week for pupils to join should they wish to engage further in singing.
- Ellwood will aim to showcase their singing through participating in school concerts, Young Voices, cluster singing event with local primary schools etc.

Resources

- Whole school membership to Sing Up
- Out of the Ark - songs saved in a folder on T - Drive.
- Portsmouth Music Hub - Song Source - a range of songs with scores linked to topics across KS1 and KS2
- Membership to Kapow - Our music scheme

Extra-curricular groups

- Monday - Choir after school club with Mrs Howell

Events

- October - Harvest Festival
- December - Christmas Concert/Play
- January - Young Voices (Birmingham)
- February - CPD INSET for staff on singing strategies (Make Music Gloucestershire)
- June - Concert

Acknowledge Challenges and Plans for Development

Some teachers may not be completely confident in delivering singing. We will need to ensure that staff have CPD opportunities in order to improve their skill and confidence.

We will assess to see whether our singing club is engaging both boys and girls. If not, we will look at holding a separate club to try to engage them such as a Boys' Choir.

Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness.

Review: September 2021	By: Victoria Howell	Signed: V. Howell
Due to be Reviewed:	September 2022	

