**Music statement**

**Intent**

At Sutton Manor, our main aim is to promote a love, joy and curiosity for music as well as giving every child the chance to learn a musical instrument. Curriculum music is taught throughout the school by class teachers using Charanga and we work in partnership with St Helens Music Hub to provide our instrumental tuition. Weekly music lessons are interactive and are planned for children of all abilities. Through singing, playing, experiencing live music where possible and performing to the local community, we aim to provide children with a lifelong love of music and the arts so that, through the wonder of creating and listening to music, they become more confident, resilient and disciplined which will ultimately enhance their well-being.

**Implementation**

Through the Charanga units, skills in *Listening and Appraising, Musical Activities, Creating and Exploring* and *Performing* progress throughout year groups. It is our vision that music lessons encourage children to become real musicians. Where possible, the weekly music lessons are linked to the topics that children are learning in their classes. Music lessons are interactive and our children participate in singing, tuned and untuned percussion work, composition, and listening to live and recorded music. Gifted and talented musical pupils are recognised and are encouraged to build on their skills. In conjunction with St Helens Hub we offer the following music sessions:

Early Years – Songfest (every other year)

Year 1 – Boomwhackers

Year 2 – Samba Drumming

Year 3 – Ukulele – 6 weeks

Year 4 – Ukulele – 6 weeks

Year 5 – Wider Opportunities Woodwind (one full year)

Year 6 – Play On – progression in woodwind (one full year)

KS2 and upper KS1 choir at lunchtimes when possible

**Impact**

Through our work with the Artsmark, we regularly ask children what they enjoy about music and how they feel about the opportunities they have. We know that many of them have become more confident through their music experiences and carry on instrumental learning at their secondary school. Our musicians regularly take part in assemblies, productions, services at the local church, concerts for parents and concerts for the community. Each week we have a singing assembly our choir has opportunities to take place at various musical events offered by the Music Hub.