



Dear Parent/ Carer,

In Giffnock Primary we provide a range of additional musical opportunities for our pupils across the school to support and further enhance the national curriculum. We encourage all of our pupils to explore their musicality, develop new skills and foster a love of music.

If your child is currently in Primary 3 – Primary 6 they will have the opportunity to learn an instrument beginning in August 2021. They would either receive lessons within the school (Monday – Friday) or at the Saturday Music School which is held in Williamwood High School. Please see the range of instruments on offer to each stage in the table below.

Primary 4 (2021/22)	Primary 5 (2021/22)	Primary 6 (2021/22)	Primary 7 (2021/22)
Cello Viola Violin	Accordion Chanter/Bagpipes Cello Clarsach Double Bass Drum Corps Viola Violin	Accordion Chanter/Bagpipes Bassoon Cello Clarinet Clarsach Double Bass Drum Corps Flute Guitar Horn Oboe Saxophone Trumpet Tuba Viola Violin	Accordion Chanter/Bagpipes Bassoon Cello Clarinet Clarsach Double Bass Drum Corps Flute Guitar Horn Oboe Saxophone Trumpet Tuba Viola Violin

The number of children being offered lessons in school is determined by the music service not by the school. If you would like your child to be considered for this tuition please complete the online form below no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

<https://tinyurl.com/6endmpn9>

To find out more about the music opportunities we provide across the school for our learners please see the following overview. If you would like further information do not hesitate to contact our school office.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Stead

Acting Principal Teacher



### Primary 3 and Primary 4

The children are taught once a fortnight by Mrs Carey, a member of the Primary Music Team. They learn a variety of songs and games, rhythms and pitches, as well as learning how to read music. 'Peter and the Wolf' is the listening unit for Primary 3 which also provides a great opportunity to learn about various instruments in the orchestra. In Primary 4 'The Carnival of Animals' provides an opportunity for the children to learn about musical concepts and to extend their knowledge of instruments.

### Singing games and rhymes

Our Primary 2 and 3 pupils have the opportunity to attend the Singing Games and Rhymes programme at the Saturday Music Centre at Williamwood High School. The course consists of three blocks of class and is designed to help develop a variety of skills through Kodaly based musicianship training, singing and musical games. Details of the class times and application e-forms will be sent out at the start of June.

### School Choir

Prior to COVID-19 pupils from Primary 5 – Primary 7 were welcomed to join our School Choir. The choir practised on a Friday afternoon and it provided a wonderful opportunity to further develop musicality and to sing as part of a group strengthening the feeling of togetherness. The choir performed at concerts and competitions organised including the Glee Competition. Once restrictions allow we would love to restart our choir.

### School Show

In previous years, on a bi-annual basis, Primary 4 – 7 all perform in our School Show and get to experience being part of a production in a real theatre. All of the children sing, dance and perform on the stage in Eastwood Theatre. For session 2021/22, if COVID-19 restrictions allow, this is something that we are excited to present to you and a wonderful opportunity for our pupils.

### Nativity

Every year both the Nursery and Primary 1 -3 perform a Nativity to their parents and carers. The children sing, dance and act on stage. This is often our pupils' first experience of performing as a group in front of a large audience and something we always look forward to. It is our hope, again if COVID-19 restrictions allow, that our Nativity would go ahead in December 2021.

In Giffnock Primary we are passionate about providing our pupils with rich and varied music opportunities and experiences. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school office.