# Singing – useful information

Every school is expected to have a singing strategy as part of the National Plan for Music Education – if you would like some help with creating a strategy please contact us.

The Music Hub sees singing as an integral part of music making and there are many wonderful training opportunities out there to help you increase and improve singing in your school. We recommend the following organisations and resources to ensure high quality teaching and learning:

#### Sing Up

A wonderful resource with songs for the whole school and every topic imaginable! Features an interactive whiteboard player and some tutorial, signing and Makaton videos to accompany the songs. <a href="https://www.singup.org/">https://www.singup.org/</a>

#### **Out of the Ark**

Another good resource with lots of songs for curriculum topics. Features a very user friendly interactive whiteboard player and some tutorial, signing and Makaton videos to accompany the songs. <a href="https://www.outoftheark.co.uk">https://www.outoftheark.co.uk</a> Also offers singing training using their own songs. The workshops are suitable for non-music specialists, particularly early years and KS1. <a href="https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/resources/workshops/">https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/resources/workshops/</a>

### **Active Music Digital**

A resource ideal for KS1 and Y3/4. Provides songs, games and instrumental activities to teach the essential elements of music – Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch. Uses the Kodaly teaching method. https://activemusicdigital.co.uk/

### **Young Voices Foundation Teacher Workshops**

Innovative and inspiring national training whole day workshops - based in London or Birmingham. <a href="https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/teacher-workshops">https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/teacher-workshops</a>

Please note that Music Specialist time (MU1A) can be bought to provide singing assemblies, choirs and singing clubs as well as singing CPD for teachers.

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## **Music Centre Choirs**

## **Beginner Choir**

This friendly and informal group is intended for students from year 3 to year 5 who want to improve their vocal skills and reinforce all the musical skills needed to also play an instrument.

### **Junior Choir**

This group is intended for students in year 6 and above. Children learn to develop their musical, reading and vocal skills through learning a wide range of styles of songs.

## **Milton Keynes Youth Choir**

MK Youth Choir is a choir for young people aged 8 to 18 with unbroken voices. They cover a wide range of music and rehearse weekly independently of the Music Centre.

## **Visit the Music Centre Website for more information:**

www.miltonkeynesmusichub.co.uk/music-centre



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