



Music at The Walnuts

Music is a means of enabling our pupils to communicate feelings, experience fun and enjoyment and explore their creative side. It is a universal language that offers a powerful, unique form of communication that can change the way pupils feel, think and act and enable personal expression, reflection and emotional development. It is considered that all individuals have the ability to respond to music and sound and that this can lead to positive changes in behaviour and emotional well-being. As an integral part of culture, past and present, music helps pupils understand themselves and relate to others by forging important links between home, school and the wider world. All pupils with ASD are individuals and their areas of strength will vary but music can often provide opportunities for self-expression which are not available to the pupil through other means.

A good music education will inspire pupils to develop a love of music. It will give them the means to explore their own musical talents increasing their self-confidence, sense of achievement and creativity. Pupils at The Walnuts will encounter and participate in many different musical activities including creating their own music at their own level. They will listen and respond to musical stimulus in different ways, gaining skills and understanding along the way. There will be a strong emphasis on participation, involvement and responding to music. This in turn should help improve listening skills and concentration spans. All pupils at the Walnuts will vary in their musical skills and abilities and they will progress through the music curriculum working at their own level from their individual starting points.

All pupils at the Walnuts will be taught to handle and play musical instruments with care and will be encouraged to treat instruments with respect at the level appropriate to their own understanding.

