

## Singing – useful information

The DfE expects every school to have a singing strategy – if you would like some help with creating a strategy please contact us.

The Music Service 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.

Please note that Music Specialist time can be bought to provide singing assemblies, choirs and singing clubs as well as singing CPD for teachers - £58 per hour. (Order “Specialist Music Teaching”)

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.

<https://www.singup.org/>

### 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. <https://www.outoftheark.co.uk> Also offers singing training using their own songs. The workshops are suitable for non-music specialists, particularly Early Years and KS1. <https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/resources/workshops/>

### 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.

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/teacher-workshops>

### Ex Cathedra

Excellent resources created by an award-winning team of Vocal Tutors.

“We believe that singing is a special activity which increases wellbeing and brings people together. Throughout our Education and Participation programmes we aim to unite people of all ages and backgrounds in the joy of singing together”.

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### Primary Music Singing Festival

Every year Milton Keynes Music Service offers large scale singing festivals to KS1 and KS2 children from MK schools.

Please look out for details every December – sign-up is available on our website every January and the festivals take place in June.

### Music Centre Choirs

#### Initial Choir

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.

#### Development 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.miltonkeynesmusicservice.com/music-centre/](http://www.miltonkeynesmusicservice.com/music-centre/)



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