

## **Musical Instrument Policy**

### **Introduction**

This policy was formulated and drawn up by the staff and Board of Management of Holy Family National School.

### **Rationale**

The school has a musical instrument policy in place because of the need to structure the lending of school owned instruments to allow equal distribution and access to all children who take part in music lessons.

### **Relationship to School Ethos**

Holy Family National School strives to instil a love of music in all pupils through the provision of a range of musical instruments.

### **Aims**

- To foster a love and appreciation of music and of playing musical instruments
- To provide a variety of instruments to pupils in order to fulfil the above ideal
- To liaise as partners with parents in promoting music in the school and home

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

The provision and organisation of musical instruments in the school is listed as a duty of a 'Post of Responsibility' within the in-school management structure of the school. Mrs. Billington is responsible for the implementation of this policy at the present time.

### **Policy Content**

- The school carries out an inventory of musical instruments and ensures all instruments are in good working condition.
- Instrument Rental Agreements and waiting list will be kept on file at school.
- Instruments are lent on a termly basis. Pupils must present instrument for review on the first day of each term. Rental Agreement will be renewed if there is no one on waiting list
- Only one instrument of each type may be on loan per family at any given time.
- Pupils and parents accept responsibility for the instrument in their care by maintaining it in good condition except for normal wear.
- The instrument may be recalled at any time by the school if it is not being effectively utilised or properly maintained. In the event that the instrument is damaged the parent will be responsible for all repairs.

### **Success Criteria**

- Children have exposure to, and the opportunity to play a variety of instruments
- Policy will be reviewed at staff meetings and by Board of Management
- Continual liaison with music teacher and parents

### **Ratification and Implementation**

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management in January 2011 to be implemented in February and will be reviewed in June 2011.

THIS POLICY WAS REVIEWED AND AMENDED BY THE BOARD OF  
MANAGEMENT IN SEPTEMBER 2012.