

Have fun with music at home!

Below are some links to activities that can be found on the internet and require no special training on your part so that your child can still participate in music in lots of ways at home. I hope you enjoy engaging in these activities with your child.

Songs, games and activities:

- *Charlie over the ocean* – a circle game similar to ‘duck duck goose’ with an echo song to sing. This channel has several other music games to play.

YouTube search: “Charlie over the ocean singing games”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BKneQ5F7Gk>

- *Drumming* – a drumming activity from a P.E. teacher. Can be done with exercise ball, drum or even a cardboard box! Follow along to the routine. This channel has several other similar activities.

YouTube Search: let's dance uptown funk benjamin pirillo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLNflsTOAV0>

- *Body percussion* – a great warm up activity using body percussion. This channel has other body percussion and music based activities – some more complex than others, so please watch first to see if they are an appropriate level of difficulty for your child.

YouTube Search: body percussion warm up 12

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsXOehynKJ8>

Beat Keeping

This is a playlist of short classical music pieces that can be used for practicing keeping a steady beat at different tempos and time signatures. Clap, tap your knees, walk or play an instrument along to the beat of the music!

YouTube search: first steps in classical music keeping the beat

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=OLAK5uy_lyg7xuPsYmf5xn_3Y3Xrqgj2psTS3pwSg

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- *Thicket:Classic* – a continuous ‘electronic’ beat that changes when you touch the screen. Includes visuals to match what is happening with the music.
- *Bloom* (search: bloom brian eno) - similar to Thicket, different visuals and calmer music.
- *GarageBand* – lots of instruments to explore. Can record voices and live instruments through the inbuilt microphone as well. Lots of our students enjoy listening to themselves talk/sing/vocalise/play instruments.
- *Voice Changer Plus* – record voices or other sounds and add an ‘effect’ such as echo, robot, helium and choir. Lots of students have enjoyed experimenting with this app at school.