

Music Development Plan summary

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Karyn McMahon
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	North East
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy Music North East

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

Cleaswell Hill School curriculum for Music is available on the school website. This Long Term Scheme of Work is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3, and adapted to suit our pupil learning needs, strengths and interests, along with linking to learning in other subjects ensuring a coherent, cumulative learning opportunity.

For more, see the school website and school information guidance on curriculum and on SEND for [maintained schools](#).

Our approach to deliver high quality music provision is ambitious and links to the DfE's vision for music education and how we can achieve this through partnerships with schools, music hubs, music organisations and the music and creative sector.

Curriculum music is compulsory from key stage 1-3.

Phase 1 follow Early Learning Goals, creating with materials, and being imaginative and expressive. This builds the foundation of a musical culture in early years, where music is valued.

One hour per week is allocated for curriculum music for Phases 2, 3 & 4 across the full academic year.

Phases 1-4 have opportunities to use instruments and voice during lesson time, and we are developing how we adapt and link music, bringing it into the fabric of our school day.

Pupils have the opportunity to follow BTEC Media and Performing Arts as an option in Key Stage 4 or 5.

We have audited our current music resources, purchased storage and are using a loan scheme from the music hub to increase the range of instruments on offer.

Curriculum music is supported by the expertise of Music North East, and other music education organisations, including Nordoff Robbins.

Links to local special schools to enable collaborative music learning has begun.

Professional development activities are planned for the academic year, with the intention of increasing staff skills and confidence to facilitate the inclusion of music as part of teaching and learning across the school day.

Part B: Co-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

School have a Music Therapist from Nordoff Robbins delivering one day a week of music therapy on a 1:1 basis. This provision is subsidised by school.

Outside of what is taught in lesson time, all pupils can join lunch clubs with a musical focus including; Makaton Sign and Sing, Dance, Little Movers (2 times a week), Tiddly Winks and karaoke. Provision is subsidised.

We are currently working with the regional music hub on the offer of a musical after school club to create a school choir or djembe club, along with supporting curriculum activities and training.

School signpost to weekend, after-school or holiday provision such as local SEND music clubs and activities. The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and](#)

[young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Where a pupil wishes to pursue music beyond Key Stage 3, school will support the study of music at Key Stage 4 and beyond, including provision of 1:1 or small group instrumental tuition and vocal coaching, including rehearsal opportunities during the school day. Pupils can access qualifications or awards. Parents pay for tuition as per schools charging and remissions policy.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

Musical experiences are planned to fit in with the delivery of the music curriculum and bring this to life for all pupils.

Regular assemblies take place within Pathways. There is a musical element to these which may include singing, listening and solo or ensemble performance.

All pupils are able to attend the annual Autumn term pantomime which are delivered in school by touring company, M&M Productions. Pupils can participate or choose to be members of the audience. This is a subsidised event.

Pupils have the opportunity to be part of a school-led drama group who meet weekly at Platform One, Bedlington Station on Thursday evenings. This group includes opportunities to perform as an actor, musician, dancer, or with light and sound technology, and culminates in twice yearly large scale performances which run over 3 nights, with smaller scale performances, such as cabaret nights included throughout the year.

Pupils have opportunities to attend trips to shows, musical performances and concerts outside of school. Each pupil has an Enrichment Passport that serves as a tool to inspire and support individual development and achievements across various activities and experiences, including culture and the arts. Pupils access inclusive opportunities which will make a substantial contribution to cultural capital.

Links with Koast Radio enable pupils to enjoy a workshop in school and, for some, the opportunity of a work experience placement.

Workshops at and The Glasshouse International Centre for Music, Gateshead provide students with opportunities through NE1 Careers and Site Events raising aspiration and ambition for students who enjoy back stage tours and explore music-linked careers.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

Music, as with all curriculum subjects, is continually reviewed following feedback from learners, teachers and parents/carers.

Our Music curriculum has been under review and now draws from the Model Music Curriculum (2021). Further details are in the Music Rationale and Long Term Scheme of Work.

We are continuing to create knowledge organisers to support non-music specialists in delivering learning. These provide suggested activities, listening pieces and ideas for inclusion in teacher planning.

We are considering opportunities for specialist music delivery across the school and have applied for grants to support the funding of these opportunities.

Although we offer opportunities for pupils to sing and play music during lesson time, we are considering how to extend the offer of music outside of lesson time, with a vocal or instrumental ensemble as part of our ongoing after school provision.

Initial exploratory links have been made with Open Orchestra, Sing Up! And Music Machine Weekly Broadcast.

We will build on our professional development to offer training on empowering teachers to be confident at using music (singing, listening, pulse, rhythm) within the curriculum.

In addition, as teacher researchers, we are keen to develop our understanding from existing research, and our own contextual research, on the impact of music for our pupil cohort.

We are also in dialogue with the music partnership to enhance in-school provision and connect pupils to broader opportunities, including the development and participation in a Music for SEND Working Group within the region and to pilot new developments in the delivery of music.