

Music development plan summary: Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/25
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Name of the school music lead	Keziah Brown
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Nicola Walker
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Pendle Music Group

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.

At Gisburn Road Community Primary School in Barnoldswick, Lancashire, we are proud to offer a music curriculum that is inclusive, engaging, and accessible to all our pupils. Our Music vision is: *"To enable all children to learn to sing, play an instrument, and create music together, while providing opportunities to nurture their musical interests and talents."*

We follow the **Model Music Curriculum** using the **Kapow Music scheme**, which we adapt to ensure a wide range of listening, appraising, performing, and creative opportunities suitable for all abilities. Through this curriculum, children develop essential musical skills and knowledge while exploring a variety of musical styles and the inter-related dimensions of music, such as pulse, pitch, dynamics, tempo, and structure.

Whole-class instrumental tuition is provided by Pendle Music Group and funded by the school, with instruments supplied for all students. In Key Stage 1, pupils learn the recorder, and in Key Stage 2, they progress to playing the ukulele. Alongside classroom lessons, music is woven into other areas of school life. Assemblies incorporate singing using **Sing Up** resources, and cross-curricular links with subjects like art and PE offer additional opportunities for creativity inspired by music.

We actively encourage participation in music beyond the classroom. Pupils can join the choir, take group or individual instrument lessons, and connect with activities through the Lancashire Music Hub. Our choir also engages with the local community, including performances at care homes, and Key Stage 2 pupils participate in the **Young Voices** concert at the Co-op Live Arena in Manchester, singing alongside thousands of children.

Live performances are an integral part of our music curriculum, with termly showcases for pupils to perform their singing and instrumental skills. Annual events like our talent show, *Gisburn Road's Got Talent*, provide a platform for students to display their musical abilities. Additionally, we host special performances, such as pantomimes, to enhance the joy and experience of music for everyone in the school.

For more information about our music curriculum, visit the **Curriculum** page on our website.

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.

At Gisburn Road Community Primary School, we offer a range of co-curricular music opportunities to enhance pupils' musical experiences. These include choirs for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, as well as one-to-one or group tuition in ukulele, guitar and singing.

Our choirs are free to join, open to all children, and require no auditions, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility. Directed by Mrs. Brown, our Music Curriculum Lead, choir rehearsals are scheduled at flexible times, currently during lunch hours, to maximize participation.

Individual and group tuition is provided by Mr. Gilmore from Pendle Music Group. These sessions, available for a fee, focus on developing skills in ukulele, guitar and/or singing. To ensure that no child misses out due to financial constraints, the school offers subsidies for children eligible for pupil premium funding or those from families experiencing financial difficulties.

Rehearsals and lessons are held in dedicated spaces, with choir sessions taking place in the Year 2 classroom and music tuition conducted in the staff room during lesson times. All pupils are encouraged to practice and perform regularly, fostering confidence and skill development within these supportive environments.

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.

At Gisburn Road Community Primary School, we provide a variety of opportunities for children to engage with music as both participants and audience members. Music plays a central role in our performance opportunities, from musical pantomimes to Year 6 end-of-year productions, where pupils are encouraged to sing and create music whenever possible.

Our school choir performs annually at the Christmas Markets, and pupils are given the chance to showcase their individual and collective talents at the school's talent show, *Gisburn Road's Got Talent*. We also host live performances for the enjoyment of all students, such as this year's pantomime, *Beauty and the Beast*, funded through the curriculum budget.

Throughout the year, regular performance opportunities are integrated into school life. Each class presents performances for their peers and the wider school community, including:

- **EYFS:** Christmas Nativity
- **Key Stage 1:** Christmas Carols
- **Lower Key Stage 2:** Yearly Show
- **Upper Key Stage 2:** Yearly Show

These events are extended to include parents, relatives, and the local community whenever possible. End-of-term performances, school plays, and carol concerts are offered free of charge, ensuring accessibility and enjoyment for all. These experiences foster a love for music and performance, enriching the cultural life of our school community.

In the future

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

For children to consistently have 1 hour of Music teaching a week across all year groups.

Children having additional lessons to develop leadership skills and use their skills to enhance classroom instrumental learning.

To buy/source class sets of new instruments to assist curriculum lessons.

To further adapt the curriculum to ensure all SEND achieve exceptionally well.

Further information (optional)

For information on how to develop as a musician outside of school, you might find the following useful:

[Music education: information for parents and young people - GOV.UK](#)

[Lancashire Music Hub | Music Activities In & Out Of Schools](#)

[Tuition - Andrew Gilmour](#)