

Music development plan summary: Whitefield Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs. K Ginty
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs S. Willers
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady Music

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 Whitefield, we believe everyone learning music should enjoy every minute of their music education. We are passionate about children's music learning and its potential to help them grow up as kind, curious, and open-minded young people who are sensitive and knowledgeable about music and the arts.

In Key Stage One and Two, the children are exposed to high quality timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year, which includes a range of musical instruments and voice and weekly singing assemblies.

In school, we follow the 'Charanga' scheme of work. This allows the children to have fluidity within their musical journey throughout their time at Whitefield and develop their musical skills and talents over the seven years they are with us.

Each lesson last for one hour and is split into 3 parts:

1. Listen and Appraise
2. Musical Activities include Games, Singing, Playing, Improvising and Composing
3. Perform/Share

Playing instruments in an important part of music making. Throughout their musical journey in Whitefield, children are provided with opportunities to learn to play the xylophone, glockenspiel and ukulele during lesson time through whole-class ensemble teaching.

We are proud to be a 'Rocksteady' school as we aim to provide the children with as many opportunities as possible to learn and take up new instruments. Rocksteady work alongside school and parents and children can sign up to take part in a live band and learn how to play an instrument. Children can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.

Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents. With termly concerts at school assemblies, children are also able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band. Parents are charged £31.25 per month per child. We offer bursary places to pupil premium children.

Our school is also part of the Lancashire Music Hub which is a network of people and organisations who work together to champion music education and make sure that all children and young people in the County get access to music making and learning that's right for them.

Within our community, we have very strong music links to our local high schools including Hutton Grammar, Priory Academy and Penwortham Girls High School.

Part B: Extra-curricular music and Music tuition, choirs and ensembles.

In Whitefield, we offer peripatetic lessons to children in Key Stages One and Two. Children are able to choose from a range on instruments they would like to learn including guitar, keyboards, flute and drums. Uptake in these lessons are very good and currently we have over 60 children taking part. Lessons take place in school, during school time and lessons are taught in a one-to-one format on in small groups.

Outside of curriculum hours, we currently have two singing clubs that children can join if they wish to do so. Singing clubs caters for children in Lower Key Stage Two and Upper Key Stage Two. The next academic year, we will be offering children in Years One and Two a singing club. These clubs are free of charge to all children. Pupil Premium children are given priority when participation interest is taken.

Set out how pupils can make progress in music outside of lesson time, including instrument loans, weekend, after-school or holiday provision such as Saturday music centres, and any qualifications or awards pupils can achieve.

Number of pupils taking drumming lessons: 20 (2 pupil premium)

Number of pupils taking keyboard lessons: 9

Number of pupils taking guitar lessons: 23

Number of pupils taking rocksteady lessons:33 (3 pupil premium)

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.

In our school throughout the year, the children will be given the opportunity to participate in a wide range of musical activities and experiences outside their curriculum lesson. These will include:

- Weekly singing assembly where the children will learn to sing a range of songs from different genres
- Musical performances in the form of Christmas Nativities and the Year Six end of year production
- Visits to local high schools to participate in musical workshops (free of charge)
- Music Week in school where children in all years will be exposed to live music through the form of bands and orchestral instruments (free of charge)
- Year 6 trip to Manchester or Liverpool to visit the theatre to watch a musical production (cost for parents)

In the future

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

In the future, we will continue to work with the Music hub, Rocksteady music school and peripatetic music teachers to offer our pupils a variety of high quality music instruction. We plan to use CPD sessions via Charanga to support teachers' subject knowledge. We hope to invite more musicians into school so that children can experience live music. Music continues to be promoted in school.

Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your school's music development plan, including links to your local music hub partners, other local music education organisations and contacts.

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.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.

If your school is part of a multi-academy trust with a trust-wide music development plan, you may also want to include a link to any published information on this plan.