

# Music development plan Victoria Road Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Ellen Galloway
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Sing 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.

<p><b>Weekly Music Lessons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2):</b> Each class has a 30-minute music lesson per week.</li> <li>• <b>Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6):</b> Each class has a 45-minute music lesson per week.</li> </ul> <p><b>Integration Across the Curriculum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cross-Curricular Links:</b> Music is integrated into other subjects where relevant, such as using songs to support learning in subjects like history, languages, and science.</li> <li>• <b>Assemblies and Performances:</b> Regular school assemblies and performances provide additional opportunities for pupils to engage with music.</li> </ul> <p><b>Music Curriculum Overview</b></p> <p><b>Key Stage 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Focus Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Singing and vocal exercises</li> <li>○ Basic percussion instruments</li> <li>○ Introduction to musical notation and rhythm</li> <li>○ Listening and responding to different genres of music</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Key Stage 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Focus Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Developing singing and instrumental skills</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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- Reading and writing simple musical notation
- Understanding musical elements such as pitch, tempo, and dynamics
- Exploring music from different cultures and historical periods
- Composing and improvising music
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#### **Extracurricular Music Activities**

- **Instrumental Lessons:** Opportunities for pupils to learn instruments such as the recorder, keyboard, and guitar, either during lunch breaks or after school.
- **Music Clubs:** Various music clubs catering to different interests across the year

#### **In-School Recognition:**

- **Music Certificates:** Awarded termly for achievements such as excellent participation, improvement, and performances.

#### **Music Competitions and Festivals:**

- **Local Competitions:** Participation in local music competitions provides pupils with the opportunity to showcase their talents.

#### **Implementation Steps**

1. **Lesson Planning:** Teachers will create detailed lesson plans that align with the National Curriculum and include a variety of musical activities.
2. **Resource Allocation:** Ensure that each classroom has the necessary musical instruments and resources to support the music curriculum.
3. **Professional Development:** Provide ongoing training for teachers to stay updated with the latest music education practices.
4. **Parental Engagement:** Communicate with parents about the music curriculum and encourage their involvement in school music events and activities.

By dedicating specific lesson times, integrating music into the wider curriculum, offering extracurricular activities, and providing pathways for music qualifications and awards, Victoria Road Primary School can ensure a robust and enriching music education for all pupils.

## **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 Choir**

Our school choir is a wonderful way for pupils to develop their vocal skills and experience the joy of singing in a group. The choir meets twice a week for rehearsals, where students learn a diverse repertoire of songs, from traditional hymns to contemporary pieces. Participation in the choir helps students build confidence and teamwork skills.

### **Instrumental Ensembles**

We offer several instrumental ensembles, including a school band and string quartet, where students can learn to play instruments such as the violin, flute, and trumpet. Weekly practice sessions are held to help students improve their technical skills and ensemble playing. These ensembles provide a platform for students to explore different genres and styles of music.

### **Music Clubs**

Our music clubs are open to all students and provide additional opportunities for those who wish to delve deeper into specific areas of music. For example, we have a percussion club and a digital music club, where students can learn about rhythm and music production, respectively. These clubs meet after school and are a great way for students to pursue their musical interests in a more relaxed setting.

### **Performance Opportunities**

#### **School Assemblies and Concerts**

We regularly hold school assemblies and concerts where students can showcase their musical talents. These events are a key part of our school calendar and provide valuable performance experience for our pupils. They also help build a sense of community and pride among students, staff, and parents.

#### **Community Events**

Victoria Road Primary School also participates in various community events, such as local festivals and charity fundraisers. These events give our students the chance to perform outside the school environment and connect with the wider community. It's an excellent way for them to gain exposure and experience the impact of their musical contributions.

By offering a range of music-related activities and performance opportunities, Victoria Road Primary School ensures that every student has the chance to discover and nurture their musical abilities.

### **Partnerships with External Music Organisations:**

- **Workshops and Masterclasses:** Collaboration with local music organisations to provide workshops and masterclasses by professional musicians.
- **Visits to Music Venues:** Organised trips to local music venues and performances to inspire and educate pupils.

## **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.

- Whole school pantomime visit
- Music in church events across the year

## In the future

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

- Musical talents continue to be celebrated
- External collaborations continue
- Develop the range of musical experiences

## Further information (optional)

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.

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