



Music Development Plan Summary: Sutton-at-Hone CofE Primary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026/2027
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Name music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Kent Music

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas: curriculum music, co-curricular provision, 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

Our school's music curriculum is based on the National Curriculum and is comprehensively detailed online.

For more information, please visit:

EYFS:

https://assets.sparkyard.com/uploads/MusicCurriculum/MusicCurr-ASSETS/Reception/reception-completeoverview-1719220288GzxeX.pdf?_gl=1*_gluj8*_gcl_au*NDM1MTA1Mjg4LjE3MjY1MD

Years 1-6:

https://assets.sparkyard.com/uploads/MusicCurriculum/allyears-musiccurr-overview-final-sept-24-1727790367Bq6lz.pdf?_gl=1*_gluj8*_gcl_au*NDM1MTA1Mjg4LjE3MjY1MDcxOTI

Time Allocation:

Each class is allocated 30 minutes per week for music lessons, ensuring consistent and structured learning across all year groups.

Increasing Access for Disabled Pupils and Supporting Pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEND):

We are committed to inclusivity in our delivery of music. Disabled and SEND pupils receive tailored support, including additional assistance from staff during music lessons to ensure these pupils can fully participate.

Curriculum Guidance:

Our music curriculum is informed by the government's guidance and the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021) and is based on the National Curriculum. We follow the 'Sparkyard' music scheme, which provides a structured approach to teaching music from EYFS to Year 6. The curriculum provides teachers with a clear sequence of musical activities to use in the primary classroom. With fabulous Out of the Ark songs at its heart, it uses a skills-based approach where key musical concepts and themes are developed and revisited across the year groups, building on knowledge and understanding at every stage.

Monitoring & Evaluation:

Music is evaluated through various methods, including learning walks and pupil feedback. Evidence of learning is documented through photographs and videos.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Our school is dedicated to providing numerous opportunities for pupils to engage in music beyond the core curriculum. Below is an overview of our music tuition, ensembles, and progression opportunities available both during or outside of regular lesson time:

Music Tuition:

We offer music tuition through a specialist music teacher and class teachers, providing:

Small Group Sessions: Collaborative learning experiences for pupils in KS2

Pupil Premium Access: These sessions are available for pupil premium children at no cost, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder access to music education.

Whole Class Instrumental lessons: Year 4 learn how to play the recorder including notation. Year 2 children learn how to play the ocarina.

Ensembles and Groups:

Our school offers ensembles and groups for pupils to join:

School Choir: Open to Key Stage 2 pupils (KS1 choir later in the year). Our school choir is a vibrant group where pupils can develop their vocal skills. Participation in the choir is free of charge.

Rock Steady Music: Children of a range of abilities in KS2 perform in a band learning either the keyboard, drums, guitar or vocals.

Small Group Guitars: Opportunities for children in KS2 to start learning a new instrument. These lessons are provided through 'Create Music'.

Part C: Musical experiences

Our school provides a wide range of musical events and opportunities to enrich our pupils' musical experiences throughout the academic year. Here is an overview of our planned activities:

Regular Musical Events:

Daily Singing in Worship: Singing is an integral part of our daily worship, allowing students to engage with music regularly and develop their vocal skills.

Performances: KS1 perform a Nativity at Christmas time and Year 6 perform an end of year performance which ensures every child has the chance to showcase their talents. These performances are held in the school hall and are attended by the school and parents.

Rock Steady Music groups have the opportunity to perform three times a year to the school and their parents.

Year 4 perform a recorder concert during the summer term to showcase their skills to Year 3.

Children who learn group guitar have the opportunity to perform to their parents.

The choir perform their favourite songs to parents and KS1 during the summer term.

Special Concerts and Shows:

Trust Choir Concert: Our school participates in the Trust choir concert, where our choir joins other schools in the trust to celebrate musical talents collectively.

Young Voices: Students have the opportunity to attend and participate in the Young Voices concert which is one of the largest school choir concerts in the world.

Christmas Concert with Dartford Symphony Orchestra: Children have the opportunity to sing Christmas songs whilst listening to live musicians perform.

Student Involvement:

Participation: Pupils from various year groups are given the opportunity to participate in musical performances. We are very fortunate to have a talented instrumentalist within our school. During 'Create Day' in July 2024, a Year 6 pupil played the violin and confidently performed along to one of the songs. He currently provides music for children and adults to enter the hall for weekly Celebration Assemblies.

Specific events like the Trust concert, Young Voices and local event performances involve the school choir, which includes children in Key Stage 2.

Audience: Pupils also experience being part of the audience for performances both within the school and during external events like listening to a live orchestra at the Mick Jagger Centre, and musicians and dancers perform at the Young Voices concert.

Charging Information:

Free Participation: Participation in school-based performances and the school choir is free for all students.

Subsidised Events: For events and trips that have associated costs, such as Young Voices we offer subsidies or cover the costs for pupil premium children to ensure all students can participate without financial barriers.

Partnerships:

School Trust: Our involvement in the Trust choir concert is supported by our school trust, facilitating collaboration and shared resources among schools.

Local Community: By performing at local events, we maintain strong ties with the community, enhancing our pupils' musical exposure and community engagement.

These diverse musical opportunities are designed to foster a love for music, enhance students' skills, and provide memorable experiences that contribute to their overall development.

Enrichment & Wider Opportunities

At our school, we are committed to continuously enhancing our music curriculum, co-curricular music programs, and overall musical experiences to increase children's cultural capital. Here are some of our planned and continued improvements for subsequent years:

Trips to professional performances: We will continue to organise trips to professional concerts and theatre performances giving students greater exposure to high-quality live music and theatre. We were recently fortunate enough to have been selected to participate in concerts provided by the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican Centre in London.

Exposure to various genres: We will continue to ensure teachers expose children to a range of musical genres covered in weekly lessons. This will include listening to classical music, jazz, folk, pop, world music and more. This will provide a more diverse and inclusive musical experience and help pupils appreciate a wider spectrum of musical styles.

Visiting musicians: We will continue to invite outside musicians of varying genres to offer children a range of experiences and appreciate a wide variety of music. We were recently very proud to welcome back an ex-pupil to showcase case his viola playing and hear his experiences as a member of the National Youth Orchestra.

These improvements will reflect our dedication to fostering a rich musical environment where every pupil can explore, enjoy, and excel in music. Our aim to is to nurture our children's musical talents and inspire a lifelong love for music.

Continued partnership with Royal ballet and Opera House:

Cultural Champions will support the delivery of the National Schools Programme where children will be exposed to online lessons in music, art and dance. The purpose of the programme is to develop and improve the curriculum offer whilst developing pedagogical strategies within creative and cultural learning.