



Music development plan summary for Limehurst Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	January 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	January 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Hannah Douglas
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Oldham Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

Our timetables show at least 40 minutes per week for a music lesson within the classroom. Lessons are taught by class teachers and the teaching is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), and the Charanga scheme of work.

Sessions include work around developing an awareness of rhythm and beat. Children learn notation and are able to read simple music. They are taught musical terms and are expected to use these in discussing music they are reading and playing/ singing.

Children sing songs and have opportunities to refine and perform music to a wider audience of their peers and or parents.

In addition, Year 4 pupils also learn the recorder as part of a Wider Opportunities project, which gives the children the opportunity to revisit some of the musical terms and skills they have learnt.

This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing opportunities in each key stage assemblies, lasting 20 minutes.

To read in more detail about the provision of music at our school please visit our music curriculum page <https://www.limehurst.oldham.sch.uk/music.html>

Part B: Co-curricular music

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

At Limehurst, we offer an after-school music club throughout the year where children from KS2 are introduced to different instruments as well as additional singing opportunities. We also incorporate digital platforms to compose and develop their own music through Charanga resources available.

We are working towards including Music for KS1 in our after-school offer.

Part C: Musical experiences

Children have opportunities throughout the academic year to perform or experience high quality music.

- Year 6 End of Year performance
- UKS2 Carol concert
- Year 6 choir perform at a local retirement home
- Children from Nursery to LKS2 Christmas performances
- Year 4 Children perform to an audience at the end of their wider opportunities project.

Another experience that all pupils access is Music Months whereby children listen and explore music from other genres, cultures and traditions, and from different time periods. This also has cross-curricular links that run alongside school topics and themes.

In the future

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Introduce a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.
- Further develop key stage projects to be performed in front of a wider audience.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND
- Invite local musicians to visit and perform for us, explaining their journey.
- Opportunities to watch live music online or in person.