

Music development plan summary: Highbank Primary and Nursery School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	June 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Nikki Godwin
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Nottingham Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

Curriculum Access and Allocation: We publish our music curriculum for each year group online, detailing how we increase access for disabled pupils and support SEND students. Our curriculum information specifies the weekly time allocation for music education per key stage and term or half-term of the academic year. For more details, refer to our Music Curriculum Progression Documents [Highbank Music Progression Map](#)

Guidance and Opportunities: Our music curriculum follows the model music curriculum (March 2021) and we use 'Charanga' to facilitate this. Charanga is an online teaching and resource tool which is used in every Music lesson across school. We offer opportunities for pupils to learn singing or instrument playing during lessons, including whole-class ensemble teaching.

Partnerships and Support: We collaborate with the Nottingham Music Hub to enhance our music program and provide additional support for our students. Our Year

4 pupils are taught the Clarinet by the Nottingham Music Hub and we take part in the annual events that they hold.

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.

Music Tuition Options: Our school offers music tuition outside lesson time, including one-to-one and small-group sessions for instrumental training. This includes tuition for the Clarinet beyond Year 4 where pupils can access to grade exams if the pupils want to take them.

Ensembles and Music Groups: Pupils can join various ensembles outside lesson time, such as choirs, vocal and instrumental ensembles. These are all free for the children to access and are available to all children in Key Stage 2.

Progression and Opportunities: Pupils can advance in music through instrument loans and after school clubs and by achieving qualifications or awards. Facilities are available for individual or group practice and rehearsal. The school also benefits from partnerships with the Nottingham Music Hub and offers pupils the opportunity to join area bands and attend the annual Music camp in Derbyshire.

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.

Planned Musical Experiences: The academic year includes regular musical activities such as singing in assemblies, school musical performances, concerts, and shows, along with trips to external concerts. These events are designed to involve pupils from various year groups either as participants or audience members. We have an annual visit from M&M productions which all children access and we take advantage of the Nottingham Music School's free concert opportunities.

Participation and Support: The school collaborates with local music hubs and music education organisations to enhance these musical experiences. These include opportunities to perform in cross-trust events such as bi-annual Performing Arts Festivals and the yearly Transform Choir performance.

In the future

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

Planned Improvements: Future plans include enhancing curriculum music by increasing lesson time to one hour per week each term, introducing new instruments, creating a band/ choir by utilising staff who play instruments and organizing termly school performances in line with our Charanga units of work. These changes aim to align with the 7 features of high-quality music provision.

Implementation Timeline: Specific improvements are scheduled for phased introduction in the coming years, with detailed timelines for each initiative to ensure a structured and effective enhancement of music education and experiences. More information about the improvements can be obtained from the school.

Further information

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 is Nottingham Music Hub. Here is a link to their music progression framework <https://www.nottinghammusichub.org.uk/resources/schools>

Highbank Primary is part of Transform Trust. Here is a link to the trust-wide music development plan [Transform Trust Music Development Plan](#)

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