Music development plan summary: Northfield Road Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Emma Tougher
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Dudley Performing Arts
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Musical Me consultancy

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.

Northfield Road Primary School has a progressive and bespoke music curriculum that encompasses the Model Music Curriculum. This bespoke music curriculum is delivered from EYFS up to Year 6, by class teachers. Currently children receive a weekly 45-minute to 1 hour lesson, and a weekly key stage assembly dedicated to music and singing.

Throughout our curriculum children are taught to appraise a wide range of genres, warm-up and sing properly, to appraise a wide range of music and read, play, compose and improvise music. Our children learn a range of instruments including their voice (all your groups), Ukuleles (Year 2 & 4), and keyboards (Year 4 & 5) as well as a variety of unpitched instruments including djembe drums and percussion instruments.

Children are also given opportunities to use digital technology to compose and produce their own music on online platforms like BandLab.

Part B: Extra Curricula 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.

At Northfield Road Primary School we pride ourselves with the offer of free music tuition as Extra Curricula music. We work in partnership with our local music hub – Dudley Performing Arts to offer our children in Year 2 -6 the opportunity to learn a range of instruments through small group peripatetic specialist teachers. This includes, guitars, violins and woodwind instruments. These lessons are taught in dedicated spaces throughout the school and are free of charge to parents. These lessons then led to the opportunity for children to take part in DPA (local music hub) youth bands/orchestras and events.

For children who love to sing, we run a weekly Glee club for children in KS2. This is led by our music lead.

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.

Children at Northfield Road Primary School take part in twice weekly singing assemblies, they are given opportunities throughout the year to perform songs in the KS1 nativity, year group showcases, and Year 6 productions.

Throughout the year our children are given opportunities for performances to each other, to their parents, and to the wider community through a variety of events.

Our choirs have taken part in several events throughout the year including the Mayor's Christmas Concert and performing at the prestigious Birmingham Symphony Hall. They have also taken part in Young Voices at the Genting Arena joining a choir of 6,000 children.

We have begun to offer opportunities for our peripatetic groups to perform to parents and aim to continue this into the future.

In addition to these experiences, the children enjoy live music from Dudley Performing Arts, who offer a range of musical extravaganzas including a musical party.

In the future

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

Moving forward Northfield Road Primary School is aiming to build on the depth of music we already have in place by extending the opportunities to sing by running a Young Voices choir open to Year 3 – 6.

We are constantly on the lookout for opportunities for our choirs to sing and perform locally and will take part in local events and take up the opportunities presented by Dudley Performing Arts Music Hub.

We want to continue to extend the opportunities for children to perform and showcase their talents through termly performances in their small groups to parents.

Finally, in order to sustain our high-quality music provision, we are committed to the funding of music tuition (DPA) and having an innovative and up to date curriculum offer. We will continue to work with music experts for example consultancy support (Musical Me/DPA) to be at the forefront of musical education and experiences for the pupils at Northfield Road.

Music will form part of our strategic, long-term planning and documentation.

Our commitment to disadvantaged pupils will continue as set out in our Pupil Premium Strategy Document.

Further information (optional)

Dudley Performing Arts

https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/dudley-performing-arts/

https://www.musicalme.com/