

Music development plan summary: Windmill Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of local music hub	Telford & Wrekin Council

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.

We follow the Model Music Curriculum which sets out sequences of learning in the following key areas:

- Singing
- Listening
- Composing
- Performing/Instrumental Performance

We have mapped the sequence of our Music curriculum to ensure there is progression and variety throughout.

We employ expert Music teachers to lead weekly music lessons for all year groups. With three years' worth of this **high-quality curriculum** behind them, children in Year 3 then spend a year learning to play stringed instruments (violins and cellos). Those children that show particular talent and/or interest are invited to continue receiving tuition during Years 4, 5 and 6 - all paid for by school.

There are fortnightly singing assemblies, live music performances, singing celebrations for festivals and a thriving school choir.

Part B: Extra-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.

- We access a variety of services to provide additional music tuition for pupils. This includes the opportunity for pupils to learn to play a range of stringed instruments, the guitar and drums.
- Pupils who access additional music lessons have the opportunity to loan instruments for the period they are learning that instrument.
- Families who are eligible for Pupil Premium receive subsidised tuition fees.
- Pupils from Year 3 upwards, have the opportunity to join the school choir. All pupils have the option to join choir as part of our cross curricular provision. They are charged per term in line with other clubs.

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.

- Two whole school singing rehearsals per half term with a whole school singing performance at the end of the half term.
- Choir performs at various community events, for example Summer and Christmas Fayres.
- The choir attends Young Voices each year. If there are spaces available, this is then opened up to other pupils in Key Stage 2.
- Year 3 pupils showcase their strings skills for families each year.
- As part of our Deep and Diverse offer, EYFS and Key Stage 1 perform a Nativity or Christmas musical for families. Year 3 visit a local theatre to watch a performance each year. Year 4 stage a performance, including music and drama for families. Year 6 visit the theatre every year to see a Pantomime.
- The strings assemble, which includes pupils from Year 3 to 6, perform at school events throughout the year.

In the future

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

- Next year, we are working alongside Telford Excel Choir. This is a community choir made up of 5 schools across the borough. Selected pupils from years 4, 5

and 6 will attend a workshop every half term. This will lead to a performance at the end of the year.

- We aim to provide a defined space for individual practice and rehearsal.