

Music development plan summary: *Whitegate Primary School*

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2027
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Name of the school music lead	Amy Cole
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Samantha Tomlinson (teaching and learning lead)
Name of local music hub	Nottingham Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock Steady

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 allocation for music education per key stage and half-term of the academic year. For more details, refer to our Music Curriculum Progression Documents, you can also view our music progression document.

Guidance and Opportunities: Our music curriculum follows the model music curriculum (March 2021) and the national curriculum for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 2. We offer opportunities for pupils to learn singing or instrument playing during lessons, including whole-class ensemble teaching.

Partnerships and Support: We collaborate with local music hubs and other music education organisations to enhance our music program and provide additional support for our students such as Rock Steady, who provide parent funded band lessons.

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 fully funded, small group teaching for children who have excelled in their year 4 whole class ensemble, for our year 5s and 6s to continue their learning.

Ensembles and Music Groups: Pupils can join various ensembles outside lesson time, such as choirs and area band. Area band is open to any child in year 4, 5 or 6 and rehearses from 4-4:55pm every Wednesday in the KS2 Hall. Choir runs every Thursday after school from 3:30 – 4:15pm.

Progression and Opportunities: Pupils can advance in music through our new small group tuition where we are aiming to begin studying for grades. The school also benefits from partnerships with local music hubs and other music education organisations to support co-curricular music activities such as The Great Orchestra Experiment, music camp, and Nottingham Music hub itself which offers a variety of ensembles for most ages and all abilities. Here is a link to their ensembles:

<https://www.nottinghammusic hub.org.uk/ensembles>

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 visit the pantomime at the Playhouse every year before Christmas, visit Highbank Primary School to see another pantomime in January, and are lucky enough to be visited on tour by the Robin Hood Interconnect youth orchestra, so children have lots of listening experiences to high quality music.

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: Our choir will be attending National Young Voices in Sheffield for the first time in 2025-2026.

Implementation Timeline: Applications are happening now and more information will be provided to choir members in the Autumn term.

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 Service. Here is a link to their music development plan. <https://www.nottinghammusichub.org.uk/about/the-music-service>

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