

Music development plan summary: Lower Park School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Joanne Jones
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Love Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Halliard Trust (previously Fallibroome Multi Academy Trust)

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.

At Lower Park School, we deliver a Music curriculum that is designed in line with the national Curriculum and is informed by the (non-statutory) Model Music Curriculum. We use a scheme of work – Love Music Trust- to support staff with lesson planning, CPD and also to ensure resources are high quality – meeting the needs of all learners.

In Year Three, our pupils engage with Love Music Trust to learn to play the glockenspiel via weekly lessons.

All children are encouraged to continue learning their instruments beyond this time via the availability of a peripatetic music teacher.

All children participate in weekly music lessons as well as attending a weekly singing assembly. They also sing daily in assembly. We have performances throughout the academic year involving all children from Reception through to year 6.

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.

Lower Park has many peripatetic teachers available for lessons and currently offer the following instruments: clarinet, saxophone, flute, guitar, brass, drums and piano via this provision and uptake is significant.

We have a school choir that meets weekly and this has a high uptake across both key stages.

A woodwind group meets every week.

KS1 pupils have the opportunity to join a weekly Musical Theatre club (rattle and roll).

Drumming club is open to all children at lower Park.

*After school clubs/peripatetic lessons are subsidised for our pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.

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.

Lower Park has a rich tradition of music performance and is proud of its musical heritage.

All have a weekly singing assembly for all pupils.

School hold a number of performances throughout the year: a nativity for KS1 at Christmas and a Carol Service at ks2. All children attend the Harvest Festival Service, where they sing accompanied by the school guitar players. The performances range in singing, playing, dancing, drama and narration, all of which encourage a love of the arts.

The end of year school musical also provides an opportunity for KS2 to showcase their singing, dancing and acting skills.

All children at Lower Park enjoy a pantomime each year.

The choir perform regularly at various school events, such Christmas and Summer Fairs.

Ath the end of the year, the children showcase their instrumental work by performing in a summer showcase, led by the peripatetic music teachers.

The therapeutic power of music is integrated into the school calendar via outside agencies, who are regularly welcomed into school to work on music-led sessions with the pupils on music such as:

- * Mental health drumming workshops,
 - Freddy Fit music, dance and fitness
 - 'I sing Pop' with the local Baptist church
 - Rock anti bullying workshop

In collaboration with a school in Wilmslow, Lower Park have also taken part in a Love Music Trust carol service, held at St George's church in Poynton

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In the future

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

At Lower Park School, we're excited about the future of our music education program and have some great plans in store. We aim to introduce more diverse musical genres and cultures into our lessons and bring in new instruments as well as technology to enhance learning. We'll continue our partnership with Love Music Trust to offer more instrumental learning opportunities and continue to support the variety of peripatetic lessons available to our children.

Next year, Lower Park aims to collaborate with the Halliard Trust, which we are joining in January 2024, bringing even more opportunities for our pupils. This collaboration may help support music technology and performance opportunities.

In addition, school will be exploring more extra-curricular clubs and activities, including rock steady and further instrumental teaching.

We take part in the Ignite Hub, Creativity week annually via our membership of the Trust.

Lower Park anticipates reinstating larger school ensembles such as swing band and brass band as and when there are enough players at an appropriate standard.

To enrich our pupils' musical experiences, we plan to organise more trips to professional concerts and invite a wider range of musicians to perform at our school. We'll also increase our participation in local music festivals, giving our children more opportunities to shine.

We are committed to nurturing an exciting and diverse love of music in every child and supporting their musical journey in every way we can.

Further information (optional)

For more details about our school's music development plan, including links to our local music hub partners and other local music education organisations, please visit our school website. You will find comprehensive information about our partnerships and collaborations, such as those with the Love Music Trust and the Halliard Trust, which help us provide diverse and enriching musical opportunities for our pupils.

The Department for Education publishes a guide for parents and young people on how to get involved in music both in and out of school. This guide offers valuable information and support for anyone looking to enhance their musical education beyond what is provided at school.

Pupils and parents are also encouraged and signposted to local music opportunities via Lower Park school website (Poynton Youth Brass Band and Poynton Music Academy)

Additionally, our local music hub will have a new music education plan in place from September 2024. This plan will include useful resources and information for parents and students. We encourage you to check their website for the latest updates and opportunities.