

# Music development plan summary: Heatherside Junior School

## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of local music hub	Hampshire Music Service

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.

Music is taught by a music specialist during PPA afternoons in a well-resourced, dedicated music room. Each class has three one-hour music lessons over a four-week period.

Our music curriculum has been planned using the National Curriculum, Model Music Curriculum and resources and advice from Hampshire Music Service.

During lesson time, all children learn to sing. The songs chosen are linked to the unit of work being studied and are at the appropriate level of challenge for each year group.

Throughout the school, children work on developing their listening skills, ability to write and read music, singing, playing instruments, improvising and composing. Every lesson is practical and children have the opportunity to use a wide range of untuned and tuned percussion instruments, recorders, ukuleles and music technology. They learn about different musical genres such as Chinese music, Big bands and Gamelan. Children learn about the music dimensions and are encouraged to use musical vocabulary. They learn in pairs, small groups and through whole-class ensemble teaching. In Years 3 and 4, children

will learn to play the recorder. In Years 5 and 6, children will learn to play the ukulele. In addition, Year 5, children are taught to play a djembe drum and Year 6 children take part in a 6-week Hampshire Music Service instrumental project, taught by a specialist musician. Lessons in the past have included djembe drumming, samba instruments and mini steel pan drums. All children regularly perform to their peers in class.

Children with SEND are fully included in the music curriculum; either through adapted tasks, additional adult support or the use of resources and aids, such as headphones.

## 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.

All children can join the school choir which rehearses weekly before school.

Outside of lesson time, there is a weekly recorder group for children in all year groups. A child learning any instrument has the opportunity to play in a school ensemble which rehearses weekly. The tuition for these opportunities is free.

There are weekly drumming and violin/cello lessons for small groups. Tuition includes preparing children for ABRSM Music exams. Parents are charged for these lessons. The tuition is free for children eligible for pupil premium.

## 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.

There is a weekly singing assembly for all year groups. The focus is on enjoyment, being part of a massed choir and developing musicianship. Age-appropriate, high-quality songs are chosen from the Sing Up website and include some songs in different languages. During the assembly, children are exposed to music from a range of genres, historical periods, music from different places and different instrumental sounds. Throughout the year, children sing in other school assemblies and events.

The recorder group and instrumental ensemble are given the opportunity to perform in assemblies at different times throughout the year.

In December, choir members perform two songs at the Fleet Festivities. Other opportunities include singing at the Christmas fair and entertaining residents at a local care home.

In Years 3, 4, and 5, children sing during year group Christmas presentations to parents.

Year 4 children take part in an Anglo-Saxon assembly in the Spring term and Year 6 children perform in a Christmas production. In both cases, there is a chorus for children and the opportunity to perform in a band of percussion instruments to accompany the songs. As well as performing to their parents, children across the school watch the performances.

During the Summer term, choir members sing at the summer fair. The performance is in collaboration with Heatherside Infant school choir.

In January 2025, 45 choir members took part in the Young Voices performance held at the O2 in London. The event included professional performances by singers and musicians. This will be repeated again in 2027.

In the Spring term 2025, the ensemble performed in a Spring Concert at Calthorpe Park School along with other local schools and some Calthorpe Park students.

The school will work with Hampshire Music Service to provide further musical experiences during the year.

## In the future

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

- To organise a music concert in the Summer term.
- To continue to provide opportunities to watch and participate in live performances.
- To explore further availability of both instrumental tuition and clubs outside of curriculum time.