

Music development plan summary: Turvey Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Roger Illingworth
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Sharon Coles
Name of local music hub	Bedford Music Hub

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 Turvey Primary, all children at key stage 1 & 2 receive at least one hour of organised musical activities in the form of a forty-minute class lesson and a twenty minute whole school singing assembly.

The curriculum for the class lessons is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), and covers singing, listening, composing and musicianship. We use a broad spectrum of genres, including folk, pop and classical traditions from various cultures. Learners regularly have the opportunity to use a variety of tuned and untuned percussion, and across key stage 2 they develop ukulele skills in the class setting. They also have an opportunity to develop music technology skills using GarageBand and BandLab.

Part B: Music tuition, choirs and ensembles

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.

The school offers individual and small group tuition in a wider variety of instruments including singing, piano, ukulele, guitar, recorder, saxophone, clarinet, flute and drums. Guitars and keyboards are available to borrow free of charge on request. Lesson fees are set at (or below) [Musician Union](#) rates.

There are weekly choir rehearsals open to all students at no charge to parents. Choir performs to the school once a term and to parents twice a year. A recorder group provision is available when demand is present.

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.

All learners sing every week in assembly, and regularly use songs in their classes to reinforce learning.

In the Autumn term, all learners take part in a musical performance for Harvest Festival and a musical Nativity production. At Easter, we have a 'music assembly' where parents are invited to see what students have been learning in their class music lessons. In the Summer term we have a choir concert and instrumental concert.

Learners in year 3 & 4 take part in Bedford Music Service's Sing-On event, in combination with other local primary schools.

In the future

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

We hope to be able to offer a regular instrumental ensemble by the end of 2024/25.

In 2025/26, we hope our choir and instrumentalists will take part in the Bedfordshire Festival of Music and Drama as they have in the past.