Music development plan summary: Brierley Forest Primary and Nursery School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
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Name of the school music lead	E. Pownall-Brown
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	S, Gabbitas
Name of local music hub	Nottinghamshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady

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, with links to the Get Set 4 Music scheme. Our curriculum information shows how we increase access for disabled pupils and support SEND students. For more details, refer to our Music Curriculum Progression Documents – Music Declarative Knowledge Progression and Music Procedural Knowledge Progression.

Guidance and Opportunities: Our music curriculum follows the national curriculum for music for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 2. We use Development Matters for music teaching in the Early Years under expressive arts and design. We offer opportunities for pupils to learn singing and/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. [Rocksteady, Ashfield Singing Hub]

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 a range of music tuition outside lesson time, including small-group sessions for both instrumental and vocal training. Rocksteady come in each week to work with 4 groups of 9 children every term and each child will have the opportunity to learn to play the keyboard, guitar, or drums, and sing using a microphone and perform to an audience at the end of the term. This is free to our families as our school uses some of our pupil premium money to ensure this opportunity is free to our families. Rocksteady matches every school funded space with a Rocksteady Bursary so if school fund 2 places, a total of 4 pupils will benefit from the programme.

Ensembles and Music Groups: Pupils can join various ensembles outside lesson time, such as our choir, Songbirds. Pupils in KS2 can join by asking the music lead or the head teacher and the choir is free to join. An area for development over the next 2 years is to have more instrumental ensembles, bands, and other music-making groups.

Progression and Opportunities: An area to develop over the next 2 years is that pupils have further opportunities to advance in music through instrument loans, weekend, after-school, or holiday programs like Saturday music centres, and by achieving qualifications or awards. Facilities are available for individual or group practice and rehearsal. The school also benefits from partnerships with local music hubs and other music education organisations to support co-curricular music activities.

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 whole school assemblies and class assemblies to parents, 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. [EYFS and KS1 Nativity, KS2 singing Christmas carols to parents, Year 6 performance at the end of the year, Songbirds singing at the

Brierley Forest Festival which has taken place every July for the past 4 years, Songbirds to Young Voices and other musical experiences throughout the year]

Participation and Support: The school collaborates with local music hubs and music education organisations to enhance these musical experiences. Some of these include Young Voices, going to the local care home to sing to the elderly, performing at our yearly Brierley Forest Festival. These include opportunities to perform in cross-trust events such as 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: Future plans include enhancing the music curriculum by having more opportunities to sing in whole school assemblies, introducing new instruments including adaptive instrument for our SEND children, organising termly school performances and potentially starting a KS1 choir. These changes aim to align with the 7 features of high-quality music provision.

Implementation Timeline: Specific improvements are scheduled for phased introduction in the coming years, with detailed timelines for each initiative to ensure a structured and effective enhancement of music education and experiences. More information about the improvements can be obtained from the school.

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 Nottinghamshire Music Hub. Here is a link to their music development plan. https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/services-schools/nottinghamshire-music-hub/

Brierley Forest 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