



School Music Development Plan for 2024-2025





Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Anna Ledger and Hannah Masheder
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Calderdale Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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 at Northowram Primary School currently follows the Kapow Primary Scheme from Reception Class up to Year 6. The scheme follows the National Plan for Music with its vision “to enable all children and young people to learn to sing, play an instrument and create music together, and have the opportunity to progress their musical interests and talents, including professionally”.

Music is taught for 45 minutes per week in Reception and KS1 and 1 hour per week in KS2. During the lessons across the school, children develop their skills of listening and musical appreciation, learn to sing and play a wide variety of untuned percussion

instruments and tuned instruments. In years 5 and 6, children learn how to read and compose using a simple score and use technology in year 5 for composition.

In both years 3 and 4, the whole class music lessons are dedicated to learning to play a tuned instrument through the teaching of the Ukulele. This is taught by a specialist visiting teacher from Calderdale Music.

In Nursery, childrens musical learning follows the statements of Development Matters. Our Nursery children learn to sing songs tunefully, developing listening skills (linking to our phonics learning) and have the opportunity to explore a rich variety of untuned instruments in our provision, both inside and outdoors.

We have a strong partnership with Calderdale Music which supports our music teaching, with the music leads attending regular meetings, termly music CPD and annual conferences.

For more information about Music at Northowram Primary School (our long term plan and our intent, implementation and impact statement), please visit <https://www.northowram.calderdale.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/curriculum-newsletters/>

Part B: Extra-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.

At Northowram, we offer a range of music lessons which take place outside of the normal music curriculum. We offer one-to-one, small-group and large-group tuition for instruments provided by specialist teachers from Calderdale Music within the school day.

We have a thriving school choir in KS2, which have performed at the Calderdale Music event Voices Together for the past two years. Children in KS2 also have the opportunity to join our ukulele ensemble, giving children the opportunity to further develop their playing skills beyond their timetabled weekly lesson.

We also encourage our children to join the ensembles and private music lessons held at The Old Courthouse in Halifax, led by Calderdale Music.

Instruments are available for children to borrow from Calderdale Music for a charge, often subsidised or free depending on circumstance, e.g. pupil premium eligibility.

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.

At Northowram our children have the opportunity to sing and perform for their peers, staff and parents at key times of the year, e.g. Christmas productions for Nursery to Year 2 classes and the Leavers' performance in Year 6.

Our choir has attended and performed at the annual Voices Together event at the Victoria Theatre for the past two years.

Musicians and ensembles have visited our school (including parents and other family members) to perform for our pupils in special music assemblies, e.g. a brass duet for Christmas carols around the tree, a brass band performance, guitarists showcasing their skills.

The children also experience musical performances led by Calderdale Music who come in annually to promote what they can offer in terms of musical instrument lessons.

In the future

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

At Northowram we are always striving to improve what we can offer the children here. In music, over the subsequent years, we plan to make a number of changes.

- From January 2025 we plan to move away from using the Kapow Scheme of work to start using The 'Primary Knowledge Curriculum' (PKC), which is already implemented across school for Art, DT, Geography, History and Science. This scheme follows the model music curriculum.*
- Plan and schedule a greater volume of musical performance assemblies for the children to enjoy, including those from our local secondary school pupils.*
- Provide more regular opportunities for children to perform in front of others, i.e. during assembly time or in front of their own classes (either as individual performers or as part of a group).*

- Ensure that Music is taught for a minimum of 1 hour a week in both KS2 and KS1 (in KS1, this hour may be split into two parts across the week).
- Explore the teaching of an instrument in Year 1 (the ocarina).
- Hold assemblies, held by Calderdale Music to promote the teaching of more varied instruments and the ensembles that they lead at The Old Courthouse.
- Have termly school performances of the school choirs, ukulele ensemble, individual children who have learnt instruments privately and any groups of children who wish to perform musically.
- Have singing as a golden thread running through the whole curriculum (e.g. PKC starts its lessons with singing).
- Ensure teachers are confident in their music teaching ability especially as we move towards using the new scheme for music.
- Music leads to attend the Music Conference held on the 9th October 2024 at The Old Courthouse and organised by Calderdale Music.
- Music leads to attend future network meetings.
- Establish links with the local secondary school music.
- Attend the free music industry workshops with Launchpad (for years 5 and 6).
- Attach the Launchpad website to our Northowram Website as this has signposts to all the different music hubs in West Yorkshire, offering children more Musical experiences.
- Embed PKC throughout the school from Year 1 to Year 6.

Further information

Signpost parents via our school website the “The Department for Education” which publishes a [guide for parents and young people](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-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 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people>).

Signpost parents via our school website Calderdale [music hub](#) which as a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that includes useful information.