

Music Development Plan Summary

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24.

Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Abbie Gillett
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Catherine Callow
Name of local music hub	Bolton Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Junior Jam

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.

- The total Music offer at St Gregory's equals and surpasses one hour per week.
- Our Music Curriculum is delivered by an external agency called 'Junior Jam'.
- Year 4 also have the chance to learn a musical instrument, which is delivered by the Bolton Music Service.
- This curriculum is informed by the National Curriculum and the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021).
- During lessons, children have the opportunity to play tuned and non-tuned percussion instruments, such as: ukulele, keyboards, boom whackers and steel pans.
- In addition, singing is a key topic focus.
- Within all units of work, children have the opportunity to listen/appraise music, create compositions and perform for others.
- We are also a Music Mark School.

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.

- We have a school choir, which takes place weekly. Members have the opportunity to sing in the local community and events, such as: Bolton Music Festival.
- The school currently does not offer additional tuition in music but does sign post individuals to where this could be available.

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.

- Children have a weekly opportunity to sing together in the school's Singing Worship and after-school clubs that run throughout the year.
- We hold annual school performances to share with families.
- Children are given the opportunity to sing in the local community e.g. local care homes.
- Some year groups have been able to take part in larger events, such as: 'Come and Sing with the Halle Orchestra' which enabled our pupils to sing and play an instrument alongside the orchestra at a music hall.

In the future

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

- Closer links to the school's feeder secondary schools.
- Additional subject leader support and guidance.
- Guidance and support from the local music hub.

Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your school's music development plan, including links to your local music hub partners, other local music education organisations and contacts.

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.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.

If your school is part of a multi-academy trust with a trust-wide music development plan, you may also want to include a link to any published information on this plan.