

Music development plan: *Grimstargh St. Michael's C of E Primary School*

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Miss Hannah Lemmings h.lemmings@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Headteacher Mr Stuart Booth head@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock Steady Lancashire 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.

- All children at our school inclusively are offered a music education and are able to take part in music lessons. This includes children who receive Pupil Premium, children with EAL, and those on our SEND register. Our music curriculum overview can be found on our school website – we follow Charanga, 'New Model Music Curriculum'. Our children are offered between 45 minutes to 1-hour music education each week, including 20 minutes of whole school singing

(hymn practice) each week with the music lead present to enhance the singing and musical learning.

- We have access to a range of instruments, tuned and untuned, and voice, that each class has access to each week.
- We have currently received the 'Music Mark' for our involvements in Music Education at our school, through Lancashire Music Hub.
- Our year 4 pupils take part in weekly WCET (Whole Class Ensemble Teaching) lessons, learning the clarinet, with Mrs Maddocks from Lancashire Music Service. They regularly perform for the whole school and parents.
- Our Year 5 pupils take part in 'Let's Go Sing' each year and enjoy rehearsing, improving their singing skills, and then enjoy performing with local schools and the big Let's Go Sing event.
- Pupils can achieve an award accredited by Trinity College London through the Rock Steady tuition (as explained below).
- Our Music Lead is in contact with a Local Music Advisor through the SMEP team (School Music Education Plan) for support and advice on how to enhance our music curriculum.
- We use and have a fidelity to Charanga, following the Model Music Curriculum. Our children have consistency and make progress in each year group, building on their prior learning in music.
- Our music lead attends some of the online weekly CPD sessions from Richard Kershaw (free from Lancashire Music Service) to receive updates and enhance knowledge in order to support teaching and learning of music in our 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.

- Children across our school take part in Rock Steady music tuition out of lesson time, and as part of their lessons, they are working towards an accredited qualification in music – 'Music Performance in Bands' qualification accredited by Trinity College London.
- We have the option to, and use, bursary places for children on Pupil Premium who can now access Rock Steady lessons for free, so they too have chance to receive additional music tuition.
- Children across our school take part in Lancashire Music Service tuition in addition to their music lessons and have access to examination boards and gradings for their instruments, should they wish to go down this route.
- We have a school choir that gather each week to rehearse, led by our music lead, which is free for parents. We have taken part in 'The Last Choir Singing'

competition for two years running and hope to continue to do this each year to increase our confidence in performing and our skill in singing. We intend to take part in 'Young Voices' next year too.

- Year 4 children learning the clarinet are able to take their clarinets home to practice and make progress on their instrument.
- Children have been invited to, and attended, a 'Come and Play' woodwind event in Preston, outside of school hours. This was a great success and helped them develop skills on their instruments, meet other musicians, and their parents enjoyed watching their performance at the end.
- Children practice their instruments, individually or in groups, using 'The Hive' room in school as well as in our school hall.

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.

- As a whole school, at Christmas, we go on a trip to the pantomime at Clitheroe Grand. The children always enjoy the performance and like singing along to the songs.
- Each year group, and each child in our school inclusively, takes part in a musical production once a year (Reception Nativity, Year 1 & 2 Nativity, Year 3 & 4 Easter Production, Year 5 & 6 Summer Production) with an opportunity to sing and perform on stage. The whole school, parishioners, parents, and people of our local community are invited to come and watch these performances.
- Each week the whole school gathers on a Tuesday afternoon for 20 minutes for singing/hymn practice with the music lead present to help enhance the singing and offer support.
- In line with Christian festivals, the whole school regularly goes down to church to enjoy singing as part of worship and our church services. (St Michael's Day, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, end of year worship).
- Our Rock Steady rock bands perform for us each term and the children enjoy watching their peers play instruments for us. The whole school and parents enjoy coming to watch these performances.
- Our Year 5 children have a trip to see the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra as part of their curriculum.
- We are hopeful to have upcoming visits from local feeder schools and GCSE Music students to provide our pupils with opportunities for live performances. (Music lead contacted, waiting to confirm dates).
- A few times each year, our school choir perform in Church as part of Sunday Worship.

- Our school choir also perform each year at the local Grimsargh community Christmas 'light switch on' evening.

In the future

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

- We would like to make sure children are receiving a full hour of music education each week, as we are aware sometimes this is limited to 45 minutes a week. We feel this will enhance children's musical development, confidence, and self-expression.
- We would like to make more links within our local community for live music performances. We have contacted local schools and feeder schools, including high schools (GCSE music students), and are hoping to arrange visits to school for musical performances. We have also contacted parents within our community, in hope that some of them are in local bands/ensembles/are musicians and would like to come into school to share their passion and perform for us.
- If budget allows, we would like to book in some class workshops including visits of a diverse range of musical genres, backgrounds, musical styles and performances. This would inspire our pupils and also help them to understand different musical styles and cultures.
- We would like more of our children to take up learning an instrument outside of lesson time, including Lancashire Music Service tuition and Rock Steady. This will be advertised to our new starter parents at the induction evening, and we will continue to advertise it each term following a Rock Steady band performance.
- We would like to invest in more CPD for our Music Lead and especially for our staff to increase their confidence in teaching, learning and assessing.

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.
- Check out our school website, and our music page, to see what we've been up to and to see our Music Curriculum. <https://www.grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk/music/>

- Ofsted Research Review in Music
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/research-review-series-music/research-review-series-music>
- National Curriculum for KS1 & 2
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-music-programmes-of-study/national-curriculum-in-england-music-programmes-of-study>
- Link to the guidance for teaching the Model Music Curriculum
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teaching-music-in-schools>
- New Model Music Curriculum on Charanga
<https://www.lancashiremusichub.co.uk/c/1356530-schemes-and-scheme-builder-overview/1370757-english-model-music-curriculum-scheme>