

Music development plan summary: Boughton Heath Academy

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	2024 – 25
Date this summary was published	1 st September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	31 st August 2025
Name of the school music lead	Lisa Williams
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Lisa Williams
Name of local music hub	Cheshire West
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music For Life

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.

Boughton Heath Academy has a thorough and fully National Curriculum compliant Music offer for Reception through to Year 6. Full details of what is covered within each year group, along with how the curriculum is adapted to meet the needs of SEND and vulnerable pupils can be found in the [Music Subject Overview](#), available on the school website.

Children receive music education within the curriculum each week for 1 hour, and the timetable for coverage is contained in the Music overview linked above.

Within our curriculum offer, children have the opportunity to learn about varied music genres, composers and artists; through the study of music composition and performance. They are afforded the opportunity to engage in playing instruments such as glockenspiels, recorders and Jsax's.

Additionally, for children wishing to pursue music further, we partner with Music For Life, who offer peripatetic music tuition for a wide variety of instruments within school. Where appropriate, school will support families financially with this.

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.

Outside of the curriculum, children are welcome to experience and engage with Music in varied after school clubs. These include music focused clubs such as choir, as well as music linked clubs such as dance. In order to encourage as many children as possible to take part, we offer membership of the school choir club at no cost

Through our partners at Music For Life, we support children's music tuition in specific instruments through a paid service. However, as detailed above, school can support families financially to undertake this where certain criteria are met. The instruments

offered are wide ranging and include guitar, violin, drums, piano, singing and recorder. Where children wish to learn a different instrument simply have to make a request, and school and partners will look to source the available tutor to facilitate this. Charges for music session are handled by Music For Life, and school considers financial support for such sessions on a case by case basis for those children entitled to pupil premium.

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.

We have a number of musical experiences arranged for the year.

Pupils take part in an annual drumming workshop which takes place in school time and is subsidised by the Parent Teacher Association. All year groups have a class slot for this session which takes the whole school day.

In addition to this, school also arranges events such as the infant nativity and junior carol concert. These events see the children rehearsing performances as soloists, small group and large group ensembles; performing to parents in and out of school. All children throughout school take part and there are opportunities for children who learn / play an instrument to perform at this event also.

At the end of the summer term we also hold a summer music concert. This is specifically for those children who are in the school choir club and those who play / learn an instrument in school. This event showcases the talents of our children and the progression they have made throughout the academic year. Children do not have to have lessons in school to perform in this, and those who receive outside lessons are welcome to participate.

Nativity and carol concert tickets are free of charge for all who wish to attend, with a small ticket fee being applied for the summer music concert. Funds raised are reinvested into school resources such as for instruments.

In the future

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

Over the coming years we are committed to continually improving the music offer we make to the pupils of Boughton Heath Academy.

We will continue to deliver the regular music curriculum, but wish to upskill our staff through high quality CPD within Music.

We aim to increase the number of children able to undertake instrument tuition year on year, by offering a whole class block of music tuition within school and are formulating plans on how to do this.

Additionally we will be looking to increase the amount of clubs which incorporate music and will also be looking to source more opportunities for children to see live performances – either in school or outside throughout the coming academic years.