

Music development plan summary: Sutton Road Primary School and Nursery

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Angela Bower
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N / A
Name of local music hub	Nottinghamshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock Steady Create Music Inspire Music

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 overview for each year group online, detailing how we make targeted curriculum adaptations to ensure all learners can achieve success in line with our curriculum end points. We currently follow the Kapow Music Curriculum and include elements from the Model Music Curriculum. Our curriculum information specifies the weekly time allocation for music education per key stage and term or half-term of the academic year. For more details, please refer to our Music Curriculum LTP and Leadership plans [Music Documents 2025-2026](#)

Guidance and Opportunities: Our music curriculum follows The National Curriculum for music by using the Kapow Primary Music scheme. This covers music from Key Stages 1 to 2 and includes the EYFS. We offer opportunities for pupils to learn singing or instrument playing during lessons, including whole-class ensemble teaching. We

have half-term per class of whole class music tuition with Inspire Music – this forthcoming year with years 3 and 4.

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. The current organisations within school this academic year are Rock Steady, Create Music and Inspire Music Hub. A music partnership has been set up with one of our local Secondary schools – Queen Elizabeths for the next academic year. Another two are in the pipeline. This has been set up with the aim of our children experiencing drama, dress rehearsals and concerts outside of Primary 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.

Music Tuition Options: Our school offers a range of music tuition outside lesson time, including one-to-one and small-group sessions using either the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals through Rock Steady, costing £34.85 per month on a rolling contract that can be cancelled at any time.

Through Create Music, the children have tuition with guitars.

Both offer tuition for the instruments listed with detailed information on charges, remissions, and subsidies available for eligible families, such as those qualifying for pupil premium.

This is an area identified for development over the next academic year, as we are currently looking at other outside music providers to offer tuition with a range of instruments not already offered in school such as piano.

Ensembles and Music Groups: Over this current academic year, there has been an opportunity for the EYFS children to join a popular and oversubscribed, 'Music Club' for half a term after school. We plan to expand on our music offer outside of school over the next academic year with children across Key Stages 1 & 2 being able to join the choir. Costings for this will be kept to a minimum, to allow exposure for all children of any background and financial situations. From this we will hope to attend live music events and Transform Trust Choir performances.

Progression and Opportunities: This is a continued area identified for development of the next 2 years. We want to point our children to music providers or clubs to progress the skills we can see in lessons, opening other musical opportunities for them. We hope that the local secondary partnership set up for next year, can also support us with this.

The school benefits from partnerships with local music hubs and other music education organisations to support co-curricular music activities, and this is where we hope to continue to gain support from.

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 assemblies, class assemblies, EYFS Christmas Nativities and school musical performances that showcase the children's work from Rocksteady and Create. These events are designed to involve pupils from various year groups either as participants or audience members. Over the next 2 years, we still hope to launch a Sutton Road Music Festival at the end of the Summer Term to showcase the musical talents of each class / year group, performing to a wider audience. Any performances, with permissions allowed, will be recorded to allow parents who are unable to attend, the opportunity to share and celebrate the musical achievements of their child taking part.

Participation and Support:

The school collaborates with local music hubs, Rocksteady and Create to enhance these musical experiences.

Over the next academic year, we plan to liaise with the Secondary School with have already partnered with to increase the opportunities for live music – both to participate with / watch and listen to. We hope to expand our presence in the local community with having two local care homes close by and take children to sing at festive times of the year.

In the future

Planned Improvements: Our plans for 2025-2026, include enhancing our curriculum music by introducing new instruments, starting up the Sutton Road Choir and attending the Transform Trust Choir performances, organising termly class performances to share successes with peers, parents and stakeholders and looking at other high quality music providers to come into school to add to what we currently provide. 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 Inspire – Nottinghamshire Music Hub. Here is a link to their music development plan <https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/services-schools/nottinghamshire-music-hub/>

Sutton Road Primary School and Nursery are part of Transform Trust.

Here is a link to the trust-wide music development plan [Transform Trust Music Development Plan](#)