

Music development plan summary: Highbury Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mr B Lloyd
Name of local music hub	Portsmouth Music Hub

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.

To read in more detail about the provision of music at Highbury Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page [Highbury Primary school - Music](#). Music is taught in class every week for one hour and is informed by the Model Music Curriculum. Lessons are taught by class teachers and music specialist. Teaching is supported by specialist planning, and the Charanga curriculum scheme of work. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies in each key stage. Children in Key Stage 2 are able to learn a range of instruments as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from the Portsmouth Music Hub with many opportunities to perform throughout the year.

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.

At Highbury Primary School, we offer many opportunities to get involved in music. This includes individual and small-group ukulele lessons taught by specialists from Front Row Music. Lessons take place each week in school time focusing on music that children will know and love. More information can be found at: [Front Row Music](#)

Children can also learn to play music in ensembles to form a band. Children can choose from a variety of instruments such as guitar, keyboard, drums, bass or vocals. These weekly lessons are taught by specialists from Rock Steady. [Information | Rocksteady Music School](#)

Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents.

All Children at Highbury Primary School are also able to join the school choir who meet weekly to practise skills, learn songs and perform throughout the year.

We work closely with Portsmouth Music Service who also offer many free opportunities to get involved with music. For more information, please go to: [Portsmouth Music Services - Music Groups](#)

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 will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music throughout academic year. Many trips and opportunities are made available through Portsmouth Music Services. This can include visitors facilitating musical workshops at Highbury Primary School or trips to Portsmouth Guildhall to see interactive shows and performances. Other opportunities include:

School Choir Church, Christmas and Summer Fayre Performances

Year 2 Infant Voice Festival

Year 2 Infant Voice Showcase

Year 2 Nativity Performance

Year 3 Ukulele Performance

Year 4 Brass Performance

Year 5 Guitar Performance

Year 6 Guitar Performance

End of term Rock Steady concerts

End of term Ukulele performances

In the future

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

Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.

To develop the technology within the school to enhance our learning and capabilities with composing

Provide additional free music-focussed school clubs

Provide additional opportunities for students to see live music

Further develop performance and learning opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year.

Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.