

Norris Bank Primary School Music Development Plan

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Name of local music hub	GM Music Hub

Our aim is for every student, regardless of background or circumstance, to be inspired, to make progress, and ultimately enjoy music. This is a summary of our offer to all pupils, in the curriculum; in co-curricular activities and musical experiences; and any changes we are planning to make in future years. This information will help parents and carers understand what the Norris Bank offer and who we work with to support the musical education of our pupils.

Curriculum Music

Within the Laurus Trust, we provide all pupils with a range of excellent opportunities to listen to and appraise, compose, rehearse and perform music, using a range of musical instruments for an hour a week. In addition, all children take part in weekly Sing and Sign assemblies. To supplement this, pupils perform in various musical performances within school, and in the wider community. Our Music offer is for all – this includes those pupils with SEND. Pupils use both rhythmic and melodic instruments in Key Stage 1. Opportunities for this continue throughout Key Stage 2, where learning continues with string, woodwind, drums guitar and brass instruments delivered by the Stockport Schools Music Service. Children either receive an individual or a group lesson with a skilled peripatetic teacher; these lessons are paid for by parents. The music service work hard to build up perseverance, knowledge and skill and many of our pupils are entered for Associated Board music exams and are very successful. In key stage two, all children are given the opportunity to learn the recorder during whole class music sessions. This is delivered by our music specialist. There is no additional charge for this and is part of our Music offer – providing all pupils with an opportunity to learn an instrument. In summary, pupils sing, listen to, compose, and perform music. They develop their musicianship through an understanding of the interrelated dimensions of music: including pulse, beat, rhythm, and pitch. Children also learn about, and start to read and write, musical notation.

Co-Curricular Music

Pupils are provided with opportunities to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including the school choir to access Music beyond the core curriculum. Outside of lesson times our free school choir is well-attended by pupils and led by experienced members of the school team. Both our school choir and extra-curricular groups take part in recitals to their peers in school during assemblies and performances outside of school in the wider community. This year our choir will be representing the borough of Stockport during the GM Music's celebration concert at the Bridgewater Hall. As well as lessons in classrooms, each of our schools has a space dedicated to teaching and rehearsal of music and singing

Musical Experiences

All pupils are involved in a range of opportunities as part of their wider musical experience. These include regular events such as singing in assemblies, musical performances, and amazing concerts and plays. We know that pupils benefit from taking part in performances and being part of an audience, so we provide this opportunity throughout the year. Pupils get to experience a range of instruments during their time with us through hearing our musician perform and by listening to peripatetic staff perform during special assemblies.

In the Future

We have many exciting opportunities planned for music both within school and in the local community. These include:

- Year Group performances and assemblies.
- Further opportunities to join the school choir and music groups.
- The opportunity to collaborate with peers from our High Schools within the Trust.
- Performances in local venues.
- Further educational visits and enrichment opportunities.
- As a Trust, made up of multiple Primary and Secondary schools, we continually consider and embrace the network of opportunities.

Further Information

How you can get involved in music in and out of school: Music education: information for parents and young people - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Music Hubs: Music Hubs | Arts Council England