

Music development plan summary: Bedford Hall Methodist Primary School Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Tracy Beatty
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Lisa Edwards
Name of local music hub	Greater Manchester Hub
Name of other music education organisations	Rock Steady

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.

- Our school music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021) (through Charanga, Sparkyard)
- The school has a music specialist who oversees the curriculum design, teaching and delivers whole class instrumental tuition in some year groups.
- Timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 and 2.
- High priority is given to the development of musical skills in the Early Years
- Pupils are given the opportunity to watch a live performance at least once a year, such as the Gala concert.

Part B: Extra-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.

- Pupils are given the opportunity to learn any instrument through the music service in a classical style. Current uptake is for keyboard, guitar or ukulele.
- We offer pupils the opportunity to learn vocals, keyboard, guitar or drums through Rock Steady. We have four school bands who perform 3 times a year for parents and the whole school.
- A weekly choir club is offered. The school choir visit the local care home and supermarkets to sing throughout the year.
- We have partnership with our local music hub which gives pupils opportunities to take part in musical events and performances.
- Charging and remissions policy in place. Tuition through music service and Rocksteady is subsidised for certain children.

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.

- Musical experiences are planned for the academic year, such as a joint performance with the local high school. Their singing teacher gives whole class vocal tuition for half a term, twice a year leading up to a production such as 'Matilda'.
- Regular events include singing in assembly for parents and peers (monthly invitation to class assembly, celebration assemblies, Harvest, Christmas, Easter and summer performance).
- Two choirs from schools within the Trust sing together in chapel throughout the year, such as for Christmas and Education Sunday.
- Christmas performances are put on for parents, Governors and chapel members.
- EYFS sing for parents at Stay and Play sessions.
- Choir perform for the Luncheon club, in chapel and in the local community.
- Pupils are taken to concerts and shows out of school, such as the Gala performance.

In the future

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

Increase the frequency of trips and visits to musical performances and visits from musicians performing concerts in school.

Annual talent show.

Have a summer term school performance.

Joint choir collaborative event with Summerseat (TB to take choir on minibus).

Increase interest and uptake for pupils wanting to learn musical instruments with music service.

Closer work with the Music Hub to provide more opportunities for pupils to engage with musical experiences out of school.

Point parents to live music concerts to take their children (RNCM, Cheethams, Bridgwater –mostly free) to inspire young potential musicians.

Enhance curriculum planning with Sparkyard subscription and Naxos. Lead regular staff meetings to remind staff of available resources and increase confidence in teaching music.

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.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information. <https://gmmusic hub.co.uk/>

Rock Steady <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>