

Highlands Primary School



Music Development Plan

Music development plan summary: Highlands Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs E Eskrett
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs D Smith
Name of local music hub	Hull Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Choral Hull

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.

Details of our music curriculum

Details of our music curriculum for each year group can be found on our website [Highlands Primary School - Music](#)

We are committed to increasing access for disabled pupils and supporting pupil with special educational needs. Our [Accessibility Plan 2023-26](#) provides details of how we will achieve this over a three-year period.

All staff (including visiting staff) are fully aware of any relevant additional needs in their classes. Lessons are adapted to cover all needs and abilities.

Time allocated per week for curriculum music

The National Plan for Music Education (NPME) recommend that schools timetable at least one hour each week of the school year for music throughout Key Stages 1 and 2.

We currently timetable:

- Key Stage 1 – 40 mins per week on average
- Key Stage 2 – Years 3 - 6: 1hr 10 minutes per week on average

Music curriculum

- Our music curriculum is informed by the national curriculum. In our 'ways forward' considerations are made based on the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 2 or any other published curriculum guidance

Opportunities for pupils during lesson time

As a school, we provide the following opportunities for pupils to learn to sing or play an instrument during lesson time:

- Regular singing assemblies are led by a specialist. Singing is an important and integral part of curriculum lessons, delivered by class teachers.
- In year 5 and 6 weekly specialist singing lessons take place as part of the music curriculum. This is delivered by specialist staff from Choral Hull. The purpose of these lessons is to develop choral singing and expose the children to different genres of singing.
- In all year groups children have access to a range of tuned and untuned instruments and our music curriculum details a clear progression in terms of which instruments are used in particular year groups. In key stage 1, children learn to read and record music using basic scores; as they move through the school a more traditional music notation is taught and used by the children.
- As part of the year 3 curriculum, from September 2025, children will be given a year to begin to learn a more simplified brass instrument in the form of a PBuzz.

This is an instrument which will help children learn the basics of playing a brass instrument prior to learning a brass instrument in year.

- As part of the year 4 music curriculum, children are given a full year to learn a brass instrument and as such develop basic skills and knowledge securely in that time.

Partnerships

Hull Music Hub support our music curriculum in the following ways:

Through a service level agreement, we purchase specialist teaching for the teaching of brass instruments. This specialist also teaches selected children a brass instrument as they move through the school.

The school also works with **Choral Hull** and is one of the seven schools in the city which has become a 'choir school'. This is a long-term commitment; choral leaders provide progressive and ambitious choral teaching and we take part in a wide range of events throughout the year.

Choirs from each of the seven schools come together to form a massed youth choir which represents Hull in local and regional events.

The school also holds the Music Mark.

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.

Extra-curricular music opportunities available to pupils				
Opportunity	Type	Year Group(s)	Charging and remissions information, and if the tuition is subsidised or free, including for parents or carers in particular circumstances (e.g. pupil premium eligibility)	How pupils can get involved
Brass tuition	Instrumental	<u>5/6</u>	This is funded by the school	Children are identified as part of the year 4 tuition and invited to take part.
Choir	Choir	<u>5/6</u>	Free of charge	Children are invited to audition for the choir. Speak to Mrs Randall for further details.

Music outside of lesson time

Pupils can make progress in music outside of lesson time in the following ways:

- Children are loaned brass instruments as part of the brass tuition in year 5/6
- As part of the choir, children take part in events outside of school, at significant celebrations across the city.
- Our choir also perform at local care homes.
- Members of the choir are also members of the Minster choir.

Part C: Musical events

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.

The following musical experiences are planned for the academic year 2024/2025:					
When	Details	Year Group(s)	Audience or participation?	Charging and remissions information	How pupils can get involved
During the school day	Singing in assembly		N/A – part of ongoing school timetable		
During the school day	Musical performance at the school Annual showcase of work to parents and rest of school	4, 5, 6	Audience Participation	No charge involved	Mandatory for children learning instrument or choral singing
During the school day	Big Blow – concert showcasing brass playing	4	Audience Participation	No charge involved	All year 4 chn to attend
During the school day	May Day – choirs singing on top of the minster	4, 5, 6	Participation	No charge involved	Choir member selected
Outside of the school day	Christmas service at Hull Minster	Year 5/6	Participation	No charge involved	Choir members selected
Outside the school day	Lord Mayor's service	5, 6 choir	Participation	No charge involved	Choir members

In the future

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

Over the next academic year, we intend to:

- Increase the time children are engaging in musical activity.
- Extend Choral Hull into year 6.
- Increase number of children who participate in the school choir.
- Devote 1 session per week to practise singing in both key stages.
- Explore the possibility of year 3 learning an instrument.
- Incorporate the unit of opera into year 2
- Re-introduce the playing of music as children come into assembly.
- Refine the year 4 curriculum to include additional music teaching beyond the teaching of brass instruments.

Further information

Useful websites

- [Hull Music Hub website](#)
- [North East Lincs Music Hub website](#)
- 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.