

Music development plan summary: Allenton Community Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-27
Date this summary was published	September 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Emily Knighton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Jacqueline Trowsdale
Name of local music hub	Derbyshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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 for each year group online, detailing how we increase access for disabled pupils and support SEND students. 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, refer to our Music Curriculum Progression Documents on our school website.

Guidance and Opportunities: Our music curriculum follows the model music curriculum (March 2021) for teaching music in Key Stages 1 and 2. We offer opportunities for pupils to learn singing and instrument playing during lessons, including whole-class ensemble teaching.

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. For example, by taking part in the Derbyshire Music Hub classroom instrumental program.

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: This is not currently something we offer at Allenton, due to lack of demand. However, this is something we are wanting to look into further over the next two years and begin to offer individual instrumental tuition if there is sufficient interest.

Ensembles and Music Groups: KS2 pupils have the opportunity to join a choir, meeting every Monday after school. We are also hoping to develop some instrumental ensembles, such as a recorder ensemble for KS1. These are/will be free of charge.

Progression and Opportunities: This is an area for development for Allenton. The school benefits from partnerships with local music hubs and other music education organisations to support co-curricular music activities and we intend to further this in the future.

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, school musical performances and concerts. These events are designed to involve pupils from various year groups either as participants or audience members. Some examples include: school choir performances (including with the Transform Trust Choir) a singing project collaboration for Year 1 with Year 1 pupils from Shelton Infant School, an instrumental performance by Year 4 and whole school singing performances at Harvest, Christmas and Easter.

Participation and Support: The school collaborates with local music hubs and music education organisations to enhance these musical experiences. These include opportunities to perform in cross-trust events such as the yearly Transform Choir performance. Community performances are also central to our offer, with strong links being made with St Martin's Church and the Salvation Army.

In the future

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

Planned Improvements: Future plans include enhancing curriculum music by introducing new opportunities to learn instruments, both as whole class learning and individual instrumental lessons, ensuring every year group has the opportunity to perform their musical learning each year and further collaborating with our local music hub to offer other opportunities to the pupils at our school. 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 Derbyshire Music Hub.

<https://www.derbyshiremusic hub.org.uk/home.aspx>

Allenton Community Primary School is part of Transform Trust. Here is a link to the trust-wide music development plan [Transform Trust Music Development Plan](#)