

# Music development plan summary: Oakhill Primary Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	July 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Lauren Conley
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Lisa McCarthy
Name of local music hub	Barnsley Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) in partnership	Junior Jam Rocksteady Young Voices

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.

At Oakhill, we believe that self-expression is vital for a young person's growth and development. Music embeds core skills such as speaking and listening, turn taking and other fundamental values. Amongst those skills, children learn the value of expression and how that can be shown in different areas of our music curriculum.

An overview of our music curriculum is published on our website.

The curriculum is aligned to the national curriculum NC music and it is informed by the model music curriculum.

Music teachers are given relevant information about pupils with SEND well in advance. They make adaptations to their lessons if necessary so that all pupils can access the curriculum. More information about how we meet the needs of pupils with SEND can be found in our SEND policy.

In EYFS, daily sessions incorporate rhyme, pitch and pulse within their daily practice. Weekly sessions are led by staff using Charanga (an interactive and engaging scheme) to engage pupils in a key song of the term using their bodies and instruments to create music. In addition, a music specialist visits weekly delivering singing lessons using a guitar and voice to mimic nursery rhymes and songs to support pupil engagement.

In KS1 and 2, our high-quality music curriculum continues to engage and inspire children to develop love of music. Delivered by Junior Jam's specialist teachers, children in Y1-6 are taught six units of music a year providing opportunities for pupils to learn to sing or play an instrument during lesson time through whole-class ensemble. Lessons take place each week for 45 minutes -1 hour.

Unit 1: Song writing with Glock- enspiels	Unit 2: Music Theory with Keyboards	Unit 3: Singing	Unit 4: Electric Drums	Unit 5: Class Jam	Unit 6: Keyboards
--	--	--------------------	------------------------------	----------------------	----------------------

Additionally, children take part in a 15 minute weekly singing and signing assembly.

We work in partnership with Rocksteady Music School and Young Voices to support curriculum music. Pupils are able to access music lessons and extra-curricular provision.

## Part B: Music Tuition, Choirs and Ensembles

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.

Every week, Rocksteady Music School offer music tuition outside of what is taught in lesson time. Rocksteady is a band-based peripatetic music service delivered by professionals. Children choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals. Lessons are 30 minutes long and children take part in a live performance at the end of every half term shown to parents and the whole school. Rocksteady is a rolling subscription that you can cancel at any time. Tuition is free or subsidised for parents or carers in particular circumstances (e.g. LAC and pupil premium eligibility)

We run a weekly extra-curricular 'Young Voices' choir during the autumn term which cumulates in an extraordinary concert experience at the Sheffield Arena. On the day of the concert, the choir, along with up to 9,000 other young voices, will rehearse together for the first time, creating a vibrant collective experience featuring special guest artists. The after school club is free. There is a cost for tickets for parents to attend the concert at the Arena and to buy any merchandise.

## Part C: Musical experiences, events and performances

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.

### Experiences

Every week we have our singing & signing assembly. We learn to sign many songs from different genres. At Christmas, all children (F1-Y6) showcase a song for parents at the productions.

### Events

As a whole school, we visit our local church three times a year for Harvest, Easter and Christmas services with the Reverend. Parents join the children at the service to hear their poetry, listen to the service and hear our hymns.

### Performance

We have a number of performances throughout the year:

- A Rocksteady Concert for all the band members, played to the whole school and parents.
- Christmas productions for all year groups from Nursery to Y6. Other year groups watch the dress rehearsals and all parents are invited to watch.
- Y6 end of year musical/ production to mark their primary journey. Y6 Parents are invited to the event.

## In the future

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

This year we plan to:

- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble to perform their medley in an assembly
- a school ensemble, band or group to play a Rocksteady Concert
- a termly school performance showing what has been learnt in music lessons
- have an opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year