Music development plan summary: Parkdale Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-27
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Jennie Chalmers
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Claire Stafford
Name of local music hub	Nottinghamshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Inspire Music

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 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. (https://parkdale-primary.co.uk/music/)

Guidance and Opportunities: We offer opportunities for pupils to learn singing or instrument playing during lessons, including whole-class ensemble teaching.

Partnerships and Support: We collaborate with Nottinghamshire Music Hub to enhance our music program and provide additional support for our students.

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: Our school offers a range of music tuition outside lesson time, including small-group and large-group sessions for both instrumental and vocal training. This includes tuition for Drumming and free pocket trumpet small group lessons. We hope to increase these options over the next two years.

Ensembles and Music Groups: Pupils can join our free KS2 choir club which runs all year and joins together with other Transform Trust schools for performances and an annual ensemble. We also take a choir to Young Voices annually.

Progression and Opportunities: Pupils can advance in music through small group pocket trumpet sessions from Inspire Music and drumming lessons with DCP Drumming. The school also benefits from partnerships with the local music hub and we aim to develop this link over the next two years to link with other music education organisations to support co-curricular music activities.

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 weekly singing in assemblies, termly school music celebrations, annual Christmas concerts, and good work assemblies, along with trips to external concerts and theatre performances. We take a larger choir to Young Voices annually. These events are designed to involve pupils from various year groups either as participants or audience members.

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 bi-annual Performing Arts Festivals and the yearly Transform Choir performance.

In the future

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

Planned Improvements: Future plans include enhancing curriculum music by ensuring that staff receive music CPD to aid the teaching of music across the school,

to provide all pupils the opportunity to enjoy a live performance each year, and to increase opportunities for pupils to perform on musical instruments to an audience and parents. 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 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 Nottinghamshire Music Hub. Here is a link to their music development plan https://www.nottinghammusichub.org.uk/

Parkdale Primary School is part of Transform Trust. Here is a link to the trust-wide music development plan Transform Trust Music Development Plan

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