

Music development plan summary: South Hill Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Cath Toms
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Dacorum
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Hertfordshire Music Service

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.

To read in more detail about the provision of music at South Hill Primary School, please visit our Music Curriculum page on our website.

<https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/music-1>

EYFS pupils have opportunities to access musical instruments both inside and outside as part of child-initiated learning. They take part in musical activities and singing within their EYFS curriculum (Expressive Arts and Design).

In KS1 and KS2 music is taught in class every week and is informed by the Model Music Curriculum. Lessons are a minimum of 40 minutes and are taught by class

teachers or a music specialist. Teaching is supported by specialist planning, and the **Sing Up** curriculum scheme of work.

Musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies in each key stage, lasting 20 minutes.

All pupils in KS2 spend a term learning the ukulele as well as tuned percussion instruments.

Peripatetic music teachers visit the school to deliver lessons in various instruments.

We work closely with Hertfordshire Music Service to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children. Please see website links for these opportunities:

<https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/music>

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-music-service.aspx>

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.

We have a thriving school choir which pupils in KS2 can join. This is free of charge.

Pupils have many opportunities to perform with the choir including singing in the community, in local care homes and at the O2 as part of the Young Voices event. For more information about Young Voices please see:

<https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/young-voices>

Peripatetic music teachers visit the school on a weekly basis to teach violin, brass, woodwind and guitar. This is paid for by parents. Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium can be supported in this.

The Rocksteady Music Company visits weekly and parents fund this:

<https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/music>

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Termly Serenades encourage pupils learning any musical instrument to perform to an audience.

The Rocksteady Music School also has termly concerts to showcase pupils' talents.

A ukulele group operates in the spring and summer terms for KS2 pupils. Parents pay for this club. This group also shares in performing at the Serenade.

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.

All pupils perform in a school production once a year:

- EYFS/KS1 at Christmas
- Year 5 lead Harvest Festival and a carol service
- Year 3 and 4 spring production
- Year 6 leavers' production in the summer term

Most pupils perform a musical item in their class assembly.

Serenades (for pupils who learn a musical instrument) take place termly and offer pupils the opportunity to perform.

Choir performs at the termly serenades, in the community, and at special events: Remembrance Day, Harvest Festival, and our carol service.

The school choir is often invited to perform in the community, for example at a local care home, a nursery school, and at community Christmas events.

We invite musicians to perform to the school - Electric Umbrella and links with our local secondary school.

In the future

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

Quality timetabled curriculum music each week in both KS1 and KS2 using supportive resources and also in EYFS.

Increased use of technology in Year 5/6 music lessons to be developed across the school.

Encourage more 'live' music performances.

Encourage more pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to participate in music opportunities.

Further information:

Visit our music page on our website for details of instrumental lessons and links with our local Herts Music Hub - Dacorum Music School.

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-music-service.aspx>