



Music development plan summary: St Chad's Primary, Lichfield

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	June 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Helen Board
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Andy Jones
Name of local music hub	The Music Partnership/Entrust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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.

Music is taught weekly by class teachers and is embedded within each year group's timetable. Teachers deliver music following the Charanga programme, designed specifically for the teaching of music in primary schools. Charanga lessons are planned in a sequential manner which provides children with the opportunities to review, remember, deepen and apply their understanding. It provides a spiral curriculum with small, incremental steps in learning. Charanga meets all components of the Model Music Curriculum and Years 1-3 will be using the MMC units from September 2024.

Year 1 have 'triallyed' it during the previous academic year. Teachers are able to teach fun, engaging lessons which are inclusive for all pupils.

On Charanga, there are different scores for children to access if they play their own instrument. They can play along to the songs that are sung and perform as part of the group. Charanga lessons are regularly adapted by class teachers so that all pupils can access them.

During their time at St Chad's, all pupils will learn to play the glockenspiel and/or recorder within our music scheme. Playing an instrument enables children to use a range of methods to create compositions, as well as how to read basic music notation.

All children in KS1 & KS2 at St Chad's have their own iPad where they can use 'Garage Band' and different composition features on Charanga such as 'YuStudio'. Children can also record their own responses and work on 'Showbie'.

Singing is an integral part of St Chad's and children sing every day during Collective Worship. All children participate in various performances during the year including Harvest celebrations, a Christingle service, Christmas productions, Easter celebrations, Class Worships/Performances and an end of year production in KS2. We teach BSL to many of the songs we learn to help those children in school who have a hearing impairment.

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.

St Chad's has a strong KS2 choir of 40 pupils (one-form entry school) with a waiting list. Choir members pay a one-off payment of £1. They rehearse each week and attend various performances during the academic year such as termly concerts at Lichfield Cathedral and 'Young Voices'.

45/196 children have peripatetic music lessons delivered by The Music Partnership/Entrust music teachers. These children attend a weekly lesson either individually or in small groups. Instrumental learning is shared with secondary schools during transition. Lessons vary between £165-£200 per pupil for the whole academic year and school are able to subsidise some of this fee for those children who are on the pupil premium register or where there are children whose families face significant financial difficulties.

Children at St Chad's are also offered the opportunity to learn and play as part of a band with 'Rocksteady'. Each week, an external music teacher visits school and teaches children how to play an instrument or sing as part of a band. The band rehearse every week and take part in termly performances where parents/carers and

the rest of the school can come and watch. 'Rocksteady' lessons cost £31.25 per month.

The Music Lead also sends out regular information received from the local music partnership and companies so that children can attend various events and experiences outside of school such as instrument experience workshops, local ensembles and bands.

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.

Children sing every day during Collective Worship and children are regularly reminded of the expectations when singing. Where possible, children will stand up to sing during Worship. All children across school take part in various performances during the year including Harvest celebrations, a Christingle service, Christmas productions, Easter celebrations, Class worships/Performances and an end of year production in KS2. These are all free to take part in.

The Music Partnership/Entrust perform an annual concert for the children of St Chad's which all pupils attend. This is a free concert and is part of the partnership agreement.

A music teacher from 'Rocksteady' also performs for the whole school and leads workshops for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Children watch the performance and also have the opportunity to perform as part of the band. This is also a free performance.

A local high-school's choir also perform for St Chad's and use Makaton to sign to the audience.

During the previous academic year, in the Summer term, Themba Mvula and Gabriella Liundu of Lichfield Gospel Choir came to visit school and ran a whole day of workshops and performances. The children performed to an audience at the end of the day, showcasing everything that they had learnt. This cost £500 which was partly subsidised by the school's PTA. The intention is that this will become a regular event moving forward.

St Chad's pupils also attend two virtual concerts through the year including one at Christmas and one at the end of the year. These are run by The Music Partnership/Entrust. Children learn songs and then perform them along with other schools online. This is free to attend and part of the partnership agreement.

In the future

Below are the improvements that we strive to make during the next academic year (2024/25):

- Explore further opportunities for whole-class instrument provision. E.g. Ukuleles, etc.
- Consider introducing some more 'musical themed' extra-curricular clubs.
- Ensure classes are performing their final piece from Charanga to the rest of the school.
- Timetable in further opportunities for pupils to perform on their own instruments to the rest of the school during Collective Worship time.