

Music development plan summary: Davington Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Clare Halson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Kent Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music for Schools Andrew Parry 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

At Davington, we believe music is a vital part of our curriculum, fostering creativity, confidence, and cultural understanding. Our vision is to provide an inclusive and engaging music curriculum that inspires all children to develop a lifelong love for music.

Through high quality teaching, practical experiences, and performance opportunities, we aim to:

- Encourage musical exploration by exposing children to diverse genres, traditions, and instruments.
- Develop essential musical skills in listening, performing, composing, and appraising.
- Support well-being and self-expression by using music as a tool for emotional and social development
- Promote collaboration and confidence through group performances, singing assemblies, and community engagement
- Provide a variety of learning opportunities through whole-class music lessons, small group instrumental tuition, and individual lessons, ensuring all children have access to high-quality musical experiences that suit their needs and interests.

By embedding music into our school culture, we strive to nurture confident, reflective, and passionate young musicians, ensuring that every child, has the opportunity to develop their musical potential.

At Davington, we follow the Sing Up Music curriculum which enables us to deliver a creative and engaging programme of high-quality classroom music activity. Designed and written by subject specialists, it sets out the skills, knowledge and understanding to be gained by pupils at each stage of learning.

Sing Up's music curriculum, with a scheme of work for each year group represents a complete and progressive library of resources that meets the requirements of the [Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage](#), the [National Curriculum for Music](#), and suggested approaches of the [Model Music Curriculum](#).

Time allocated for music each week:

Reception: 30 minutes

KS1: 40 minutes

KS2: 50 minutes

Within Key Stage 2 children will also have an opportunity to learn the recorder and guitar as part of whole class teaching.

Part B: Co-curricular music

In addition to music taught in lesson time, there are many opportunities at Davington for pupils to learn to play additional musical instruments or to sing. KS2 pupils are able to join our school Concert Choir. There are multiple opportunities throughout the year where pupils can perform to an audience, including, the Christmas carol concert at the local church, carols in the market square, performing alongside other schools and putting on a show to perform to the rest of the school and parents.

We also offer individual and small group lessons in a variety of musical instruments:

- Guitar
- Ukulele
- Piano
- Drums
- Clarinet
- Cornet
- Flute
- Trumpet
- Recorder
- Alto Saxophone

Part C: Musical experiences

A key feature of our music curriculum is our weekly singing assemblies, which are attended by all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

We also offer numerous performance opportunities for our pupils. At Christmas, Year R pupils learn and perform songs as part of their nativity play, KS1 learn songs and put on a performance for their parents. The whole school rehearse and sing carols as part of our yearly school carol service. At the end of the year, Year 6 pupils perform a musical play for the school and their parents. Within this, there are opportunities for children to sing solo performances, as part of a small group or a whole year group.

The Concert Choir also participate in the annual choir festival which involves all the choirs from the local primary schools to get together and perform to an audience.

In the future

At Davington, we are dedicated to the continuous enhancement of our music education provision to ensure that it provides enriching experiences for all our students. In the coming years we aim to:

- Ensure that music is taught consistently in every year group throughout the school
- Provide more opportunities for pupils to perform in both formal and informal settings regularly
- Provide more opportunities for pupils to broaden their musical experiences
- Continue to develop the use of assessment in music