

Music development plan summary: St Chads CE Nursery and Infant School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	K. Gilsean
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Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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 St Chad's, music teaching and learning is led by a dedicated HLTA who teaches music throughout school from Reception to Year 2. Our selected school music programme is 'Music Express' with a clear focus on enabling all children and young people to learn to sing, play an instrument and create music together. Alongside the school music programme is a music progression map which identifies progression in the key elements of the model music curriculum (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3 or any other published curriculum guidance. Music is led at the same time in each class every week for 1hr, across the school year. Within the school music scheme of work, key songs are chosen with a key focus on

musical fundamentals. Children are taught how to play percussion instruments individually (EYFS) as well as perform as part of a group/class (KS1). All performances are recorded and shared on Classdojo to be reviewed for peer feedback. Please [click here](#) to see our school SEND Information Report with more guidance on our school curriculum and SEND. Children take part in weekly song during Collective Worship linked to our half termly value. St Chad's have made links with the Derbyshire Music Hub to further support whole school music curriculum training and development.

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.

At St Chad's we have a free Singing Club (school choir) who meet weekly, from all year groups across school, to perform key hymns and songs from a repertoire of genres. Children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium are invited to join the school choir, however, spaces are open to all children in school. We have two designated staff who lead the choir sessions and play the school piano, named Penelope. The school have made key links with a local nursing home. Residents are invited to attend performances in school throughout the year e.g. Harvest, Christmas. This has been a great opportunity to develop stagecraft, sequence of programme and opportunities for collaboration. All performances are recorded and shared on Classdojo to be viewed by our school community and also a great opportunity for peer feedback. The Singing Club perform during school celebrations both in school and within the local community to raise money to purchase new instruments and singing equipment.

We have recently contacted the Derbyshire Song Book project, who specialise in building a repertoire of songs and musical experiences. This service will provide 5 x 45min sessions in the spring term 2025 to our KS1 cohort.

We continue to make links with the Derbyshire Music Hubs and Derbyshire Music Partnership to find cost effective ways to introduce children to music tuition and to make key links with other local schools to come together to share singing experiences.

St Chad's have made links with our Slovak Roma community who enjoy singing at their local church and within their community. Families have visited school and performed songs in their home language, a cappella, during whole school Collective Worship sharing different styles, melodies, pitch and tempo.

Children learn and perform songs across different festivals, including songs from different origins and faiths. All are shared during key celebrations throughout the Christian calendar, Eid, Vaisakhi, Remembrance Day and Chinese New Year.

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.

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At St Chad's, children will listen to music composed by a range of different artists and perform key songs during festivals throughout the school year including Christmas, Easter, Eid, Vaisakhi, Remembrance Day and Chinese New Year. Our school choir perform at the local residential nursing home and in the local community. Families, governors, staff are invited to join school and local community performance free of charge including end of term celebration collective worship.

Children will visit local places of worship and listen to live performances led by professional musicians, including the local Gurdwara.

In the future

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

As a school we would like to build a partnership with the Derbyshire Music Hub to discover new and exciting opportunities in the Derby City area to come together and celebrate music. We would also like to explore cost effective ways for families to access music tuition.

Further information

Click here [Music Education Hubs | Arts Council England](#) to find out more about local Music Hubs available in and beyond school.

Click here [What the national plan for music education means for children and young people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) to read The Department for Education guide for parents and young people.

Click here [The power of music to change lives: a national plan for music education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) to read the national plan for music.

Click here [Model Music Curriculum \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) to read the latest information on the Music Curriculum.