

# Music development plan summary: Avonwood Primary School

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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## Overview

| Detail   | Information    |
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| Academic year that this summary covers   | 2024/25        |
| Date this summary was published  | June 2024      |
| Date this summary will be reviewed   | June 2025      |
| Name of the school music lead  | Laura Phillips |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | Kim Williams   |
| Name of local music hub  | Soundstorm     |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)            | iRock          |

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.

- Every class at Avonwood has a weekly music lesson with a music specialist teacher. Lessons last between 30 – 40 minutes depending on the year group.
- We have developed our own bespoke Avonwood curriculum based on the suggested DfE Primary Music Curriculum. This is supplemented by support from United Learning and Sound Storm.
- We enter a variety of musical competition each year on a local and national level.

## **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.

The school offers weekly peripatetic instrument lessons to all of KS2 for keyboard, violin, woodwind, guitar, ukulele and singing. These lessons can be in small groups for £6 per lesson (usually of 2) or individual, £12 per lesson, depending on what the families have paid for. Through the use to our local hub (Soundstorm), children can hire instruments for these lessons for a year, which allows them to practice during the holidays. This is a private agreement between the local hub and family. Through the peripatetic instrument teacher, children can opt to take grade on their chosen instrument throughout the year.

Weekly iRock sessions are also available for the whole school to join. All of this comes as a cost to parents/carers however, the school publicises where families can access financial support for these lessons. iRock also offers 2 bursary places which are currently used by two children in a PP, EAL family. Both iRock and instrument lessons take place during the school day.

Children Year 4-6 can join the weekly choir club who participate in music festivals, competitions and the annual Bournemouth Schools Christmas concert. This club take place after school.

Children across KS2 have the opportunity to attend the weekly lunchtime orchestra practice. The orchestra represents the school at festivals, competitions and concerts.

Both the choir and the orchestra come at no cost to families.

The school advertises opportunities for children to attend larger orchestras within the local area.

## 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.

- All children attend weekly singing assemblies, split into Key Stages.
- All year groups learn Harvest Festival songs to perform in Harvest Assembly.
- EYFS and KS1 perform in Nativity plays to the rest of the school and parents.
- KS2 hold Christmas concerts, performing songs to parents.
- Year 6 hold perform a 'leavers' play to the rest of the school and parents at the end of the academic year.
- Year 3 perform their composed Samba music to parents in the Spring term.
- The choir have to opportunity to participate in the annual Bournemouth Schools Christmas Concert at the Pavilion, singing on stage with over 200 children and performing to parents.
- Soundstorm provide a 'live and inspire' performance each year to all children.
- iRock perform a concert to all years to inspire them to join.
- Children attend external and internal musical performances via our 'Education with Character' charter.

## In the future

Over the next academic year we aim to:

- Further enhance our peri music offer to greater numbers of pupil premium children.
- Increase the number of instruments the school has to use in lessons and lend out to PP children.
- Further develop our singing assemblies and whole school songs.
- Upskill other members of staff in the teaching of music.