

Music development plan summary: [Horizon schools Federation – Donington Cowley Endowed primary school and St Gilbert of Sempringham primary school]Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Miss Felicity Tyler
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Sing Up, Lincolnshire Music Services, Pop Rox and Act II Theatre Company

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.

Exploring different genres and eras of music is a fantastic, interesting and inspiring journey into a world of creativity and exploration. Pupils should leave our school having experienced opportunities to have develop passion, engagement and interest in performing, listening, creating and appreciating music.

At Horizon Schools Federation, our music curriculum, aligned with Sing Up, is designed to inspire every pupil to develop a lifelong passion for the arts by honing their performing, listening, creating, and appraising skills. We believe that music has a unique power to bring people together, fostering a strong sense of community and belonging where every voice is valued. Additional opportunities are provided to engage in music beyond the curriculum through hands-on opportunities to learn musical instruments, join vibrant choirs, and take to the

stage in live performances. Our music offer enables pupils to build confidence, express their creativity, and experience the pure joy of making music together.

Through our engaging lessons, pupils hone their talents, cultivate a rich appreciation for diverse musical traditions, and learn to critically analyse different genres. Our Music curriculum empowers pupils to:

- **Embrace a Passion for Music:** Build a lifelong enjoyment and deep respect for the art form.
- **Explore Musical Heritage:** Listen to, review, and evaluate works spanning various historical eras, cultures, styles, and traditions.
- **Master Vocal Expression:** Sing confidently and use their voices creatively to achieve varied musical effects.
- **Compose and Collaborate:** Express their creativity by inventing and structuring original compositions, both independently and alongside peers.
- **Speak the Language of Music:** Understand and apply technical musical vocabulary accurately and fluently.
- **Form Personal Insights:** Confidently evaluate music, expressing clear opinions and preferences regarding quality and style.
- **Perform with Purpose:** Showcase their abilities on stage with a keen awareness of their audience.

At Horizon Schools Federation, music and creativity plays a significant role in our day-to-day school lives. Our curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021) and is done so through the Sing up music scheme. The scheme aligns well with our schools, as its spiral curriculum allows key units and concepts to be revisited and reinforced throughout the year.

Each child from Nursery – year 6 receives 45 minutes of music every week within their classroom learning as well as a music assembly led weekly from a musical theatre company director. Our lessons involve a variety of Singing, Listening, Composing, Performing/Instrumental Performance and Notation.

All children have the opportunity to learn an instrument such as boomwhackers, ukeleles or handbells within their music lessons with expert teaching from Mr Karl Gernert (Act II Theatre Company director). EYFS and nursery will have music lessons led by their class teacher and have instruments available within provision.

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.

We come together to sing in assemblies daily; we have a selection of school songs which bring us together as a community. Weekly, we have a specific singing collective worship led by Mr

Karl Gernert where children can apply their taught musical terminology and learn to sing music from different genres and musicians.

Throughout the year we have different professionals visiting the schools and working with the children. This ranges from an Indian experience day where children learn about the music and dances from the Hindu religion, dance teachers coming in during careers week and a live band coming in to perform during the school production.

We work with the Lincolnshire Music Hub who deliver sessions to our pupils with guitar and violin lessons in addition to our weekly music lessons.

We also have lessons from Pop Rox leader Mr Rory White. This provides group lessons which are taught within the bands created. They learn vocals, drums, keyboard, electric guitar and electric bass. They perform termly in front of the school and parents of pupils in bands. A group of bursary places are offered for these lessons for our SEND/ PP pupils.

Act II Theatre Company director Mr Karl Gernert teaches all pupils on a half termly rotating basis to accompany and enhance the class teachers sing up music lessons. He teaches musical instrument lessons within classes.

Our school choirs have been established over the last four years and both the key stage one and key stage two choir perform seasonally in our whole school church celebrations for Christmas, summer fayre, end of term assemblies, World music day celebrations and showcases in front of parents. They also have the annual opportunity to rehearse and perform for the Young Voices Choir experience in Sheffield.

All children have the opportunity to perform on stage for the whole school production – classes perform together in musicals celebrating different genres or decades of music. Our year 6 children have the opportunity to perform as the principal characters within the production.

In the future

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

In the future we will:

- Continue to offer music tuition in variety of musical instruments.
- Provide opportunities to watch live musical performances both in and out of school
- To seek additional performance/competition opportunities in Lincolnshire for the choir to attend outside of our school setting
- To foster federation and community collaboration