

Music development plan summary: Avondale Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Jen Wormald
Name of local music hub	Bolton & Blackburn with Darwen Music Service Greater Manchester & Blackburn with Darwen Music Education Hub

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 Avondale, our intention is first and foremost to help children to feel that they are musical, and to develop a life-long love of music. We deliver music using the Kapow scheme of work. Each class teacher uses the scheme and adapts it to ensure every child can access and enjoy music within our school. Sequencing and progression are clear. We explore music through the inter-related dimensions of music: performing, listening, composing and the history of music.

Our scheme of work fulfils the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum (2014). The National Curriculum for Music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology

appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

We focus on developing the skills, knowledge and understanding that children need in order to become confident performers, composers, and listeners. Children will develop the musical skills of singing, playing tuned and un-tuned instruments, improvising and composing music, and listening and responding to music. You can find our school curriculum for music here: <https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/> Children with SEND are individually supported in class depending on their various requirements, for example: use of ear defenders when music lessons are louder than average, teacher's ability to adapt their lessons and use planning to challenge all pupils depending on their ability

All children in KS1 receive an hour of music lessons per week and in KS2 music is usually block taught alongside French. Both Key Stages also attend a weekly singing assembly where singing skills from the curriculum are explicitly taught. All children participate in musical performances throughout the year. All children explore a wide range of classroom based percussion instruments including glockenspiels which are taught across the school to allow for progression.

For pupils in the Early Years, music is an integral part of the school day, as well as being delivered specifically through the Expressive Arts and Design element of the EYFS curriculum

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.

Pupils have the opportunity to receive lessons for a number of instruments including the piano, guitar, violin, French horn and drums. In order to make these as accessible as possible, parents can opt for lessons in groups, therefore reducing the cost. One to one lessons are also available. Pupils are able to join ensembles through Bolton Music Service where rehearsals take place in the evenings, at weekends and during the holidays. As a school we offer the loan of some instruments free of charge. We are also able to offer the loan of instruments through Bolton Music Services for a small cost. Children who participate in instrument tuition also perform in annual concerts for the school and their families.

We have a well-established KS2 choir which comprises of about 30 pupils from Years 3 -6. The choir often perform at various events throughout the community including local carol services and within local care homes. They often work towards larger events

such as Young Voices as well as concerts which take place within the community at places such as Blackburn Cathedral. We also have a KS1 choir that runs for 1 term throughout the year. Children in Years 1 and 2 have the opportunity to rehearse weekly after school and then perform in a local care home and perform on stage for their families and the school.

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 at Avondale are given the opportunity to perform regularly. These performance opportunities include:

- Weekly singing assemblies
- Singing for special events for example Harvest
- Nativity performance – EYFS
- Christmas performance – KS1 and KS2
- Year 6 leavers' assembly and performance
- Class assemblies
- Carol service - led by Year 3
- Sing Together events
- Singing in the local community – carol events, care homes, Darwen Christmas Markets
- Avondale's Got Talent showcase
- Bands coming into school – Bolton Music Service, Rock Steady
- Opportunity to watch our peripatetic pupils perform to the school

In the future

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

In the future at Avondale, we plan to:

- Continue to attend Music Network Meetings led by Bolton Music Service
- Continue to work alongside Bolton Music Service to offer a wide range of musical instrument tuition – increase opportunities where possible
- **Further develop staff's knowledge in the delivery of music**

Further information (optional)

Visit the Bolton Music Service website for information on local music opportunities for young people. <https://boltonmusicservice.com/>

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.