

Music development plan summary: The West Park Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Beth Turner
Name of local music hub	Inspire Nottinghamshire Music 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.

At West Park Academy we use the Collins Music Express Scheme of work to plan, teach and deliver Music across the school.

Music Express is a complete and holistic music scheme. It offers a broad, deep, meaningful and practical experience for musically rich teaching and learning, in line with the statutory National Curriculum for KS1 and KS2. The scheme also mirrors and covers the intentions of the new, non-statutory Model Music Curriculum (MMC).

Music Express will help children to find their voice, keep it healthy and express themselves with increasing accuracy and control. A diverse range of musical traditions and a deep understanding of the inter-related dimensions are explored continually through the units. Complexity progresses with extended range and phrasing, part-songs, harmonies and performance skills.

Music Express places strong emphasis on listening skills as crucial to the understanding, interpretation, and life-long love of music. Styles range from early music, classical and modern orchestral tracks to folk, jazz, pop, rock and numerous other traditions. Music from many different countries is embedded as the focus or stimulus for multiple units in each year of study

Music Express quickly enables children to experiment, arrange, improvise and compose. These skills are carefully supported, and each aspect of the inter-related dimensions is explored. Melody, harmony, textures and structures are gradually introduced in a variety of contexts and traditions to instil confidence and enjoyment within meaningful experiences. Children have opportunity to play a variety of untuned percussion and some tuned percussion.

Music Express encourages performance from the very beginning. Musicianship is developed in key areas such as accuracy, expression and ensemble awareness. Each year group has several opportunities to perform musical items from diverse and exciting resources. Children will increasingly make plans and decisions about performance content with options available to perform their own compositions and arrangements.

In Years 1-6 each class has a timetabled curriculum music lesson of at least one hour each week.

In Foundation music is taught weekly and it also forms part of the Expressive Art and Design daily curriculum. Children have opportunity to sing Rhymes and Songs daily and have access to music instruments in the continuous provision.

Children with SEND & Disabilities are included in each weekly music lesson. For more information about our SEND & Disability policies please see our website:

<https://westparkacademy.co.uk/academy-information/special-educational-needs-disabilities/>

West Park Academy are supported and part of the Inspire Nottinghamshire Music Hub and Singing Hub.

Part B: Extra Curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

The West Park Academy offers a free weekly afterschool Choir Club which is open for children from Year 2-6.

The Inspire Nottinghamshire Music Hub also provides a term of instrumental tuition for one year group each year.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, shows, and trips to professional concerts.

The children at West Park all have the opportunity to take part and perform in an annual show with their Year Group over the year. These performances take place in the school hall and children perform to other children, family members and invited guests (e.g. residents of the local nursing home)

Children in the School Choir have opportunity to sing at school events e.g. school assemblies and school fairs. They also have sung in the wider community e.g. local Library, Hospital, Nursing Home and Kirkby Christmas Lights Switch On.

All children have the opportunity to part of an audience to watch a live Pantomime Show at Christmas time. Year 1-6 will be attending the Mansfield Palace Theatre Pantomime and Foundation will have a Pantomime show performing at the school.

Some Year Groups have taken part in Big Sings organised by the Inspire Nottinghamshire Music Hub which has united schools to sing together.

In the future

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

- Building a strong relationship with the Inspire Nottinghamshire Music Hub and ensuring that the musical activities and opportunities are accessed for our pupils.
- Ensuring that the children at West Park have access to a terms instrumental tuition during their time at our school.

Further information

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.

Link for Inspire Nottinghamshire Music Hub :

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/services-schools/nottinghamshire-music-hub/>