

# Music development plan summary: Hensingham 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
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mel Kirkbride
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	School Music Service – Cumberland Council
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

Hensingham Primary School follows the Kapow Scheme of learning for music. Every class from Year 1 to Year 6 has a minimum 1 hour timetabled slot where music is taught. Pupils are taught to play a variety of woodwind and percussion instruments and school is well resourced with lots of musical instruments for all pupils to use.

In the Early Years, pupils are exposed to music through structured play and spontaneous play with a variety of instruments and sound makers

## **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.

Hensingham Primary School employs a private music teacher on Thursday to teach pupils who are interested in guitar. This is offered across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Our guitarists are given the opportunity to showcase their talent in celebration assemblies.

Singing is part of our music curriculum and all pupils in school take part in an additional 30-minute singing assembly each week. Songs learned are sung in productions and other events such as Easter service, Christmas service and other celebration events throughout the school year.

We have a school choir which is led by our music leader and we take part in various community events including singing for the elderly, singing Christmas carols in the

town and attending Whitehaven Music Festival. All pupils have the opportunity to attend young voices at Manchester Arena each 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.

Musical experiences on offer at Hensingham Primary School:

- Weekly singing assemblies
- School choir – sing at events such as Whitehaven Music festival and singing for the local community throughout the year
- Pupils all sing at celebration events such as leaver’s assemblies
- All pupils sing at services in our local church
- Choir performance for parents/carers

## In the future

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

- Introduce a weekly choir after school club
- Encourage more pupils to take up the offer of private guitar lessons
- Take part in more community events/festivals that include showcasing the talents of music and singing
- School choir to take leading roles in school services for harvest, remembrance, Christmas and Easter.

## Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your school’s music development plan, including links to your local music hub partners, other local music education organisations and contacts.

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.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.

If your school is part of a multi-academy trust with a trust-wide music development plan, you may also want to include a link to any published information on this plan.