

Music development plan summary: Elkesley Primary and Nursery School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 – 2026
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Name of the school music lead	C Marsh
Name of local music hub	Nottinghamshire Inspire 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 and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

Elkesley Primary School is committed to providing a high-quality music education for all its pupils. To achieve this, we have allocated one hour of music teaching per class each week. This approach ensures effective pupil progress through all year groups, with a focus on being creative, engaging, and interactive for all children.

The curriculum aims to raise attainment and enthusiasm in music lessons, improving pupils' speaking, listening, and playing skills through music theory and instrument playing. It also helps children develop a better understanding of music's different cultures and genres. Lessons are adapted for pupils to ensure all can access and succeed in the curriculum. Implementing regular formative assessments to monitor pupil progress ensures all children are knowing and remembering more.

The music curriculum is designed to meet the aims and objectives of the National Curriculum for Music and covers a range of musical genres and activities, including African drumming, Boom Whackers, Dhol Drums, keyboard, steel pans, Samba drumming, percussion, musical theatre, music theory, songwriting, and vocals & singing.

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.

Elkesley Primary School recognises the importance of providing a rich and varied co-curricular music offer to complement the curriculum. The school has a dedicated music room that is open for pupils to practice during break and dinner times, with a particular focus on ensuring access for SEND pupils.

Individual and small group music lessons are available for a range of instruments, including ukulele, drums, piano, violin, keyboard, and guitar. These lessons are funded by parents. However, Pupil Premium pupils can access them through the Pupil Premium provision.

A weekly singing assembly provides all pupils with the opportunity to develop their vocal skills and experience the joy of group singing.

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.

Elkesley Primary School provides a range of musical experiences for our pupils, both within the school and in the wider community. Pupils who receive 1:1 music tuition have the opportunity to perform in a termly music concert for parents, showcasing their progress and talents.

Elkesley Primary School also has a biennial tradition of attending the Young Voices event, allowing Key Stage 2 pupils to participate in a large-scale choral performance. On alternate years, a biennial Key Stage 2 production is put on for parents, providing an opportunity for pupils to showcase their musical and theatrical skills.

Additionally, Elkesley Primary School provide an annual nativity performance and a Christmas carol service at the local church, where pupils sing for the community. Our pupils also perform at a local care home during the Christmas period, further strengthening community connections.

In the future

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

Elkesley Primary School is committed to continuously improving and expanding our music provision to provide the best possible musical experiences for pupils. One key focus for the future is the introduction of a wider range of music trips and visits, allowing pupils to watch live music performances and broaden their musical horizons. And Investigating partnerships with Nottinghamshire music venues to facilitate music trips and workshops for pupils.