

# School music development plan

This development plan has been created in line with the DfE's '[School music development plan: summary template](#)'. Schools can use this template to ensure that integral features of its music curriculum are met to help pupils receive a varied and enriching musical education, both inside and outside of the classroom. Schools are expected to publish a summary of the music development plan on their website for staff and pupils to read and understand.

This development plan considers the seven key features of high-quality music provision, as laid out in the national plan for music education:

- Timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for KS1 to KS3.
- Access to lessons across a range of instruments, including singing.
- A school choir or vocal ensemble.
- A school ensemble, band or group.
- Space for rehearsals and individual practice.
- A termly school performance.
- Opportunities to enjoy live music performances, at least once a year.

## Bishop Barrington music development plan

| General overview                                                    |                                                                                                                   |                                       |                                          |                |
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| Details of music development plan                                   |                                                                                                                   | Information                           |                                          |                |
| Academic year that this development plan covers                     |                                                                                                                   | 2025 -26                              |                                          |                |
| Date this development plan was published                            |                                                                                                                   | 23.10.25                              |                                          |                |
| Date this development plan will be reviewed                         |                                                                                                                   | Summer 2026                           |                                          |                |
| Name of the school music lead                                       |                                                                                                                   | Mr N Trenholm                         |                                          |                |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music |                                                                                                                   | Mr B Johnson                          |                                          |                |
| Name of local music hub                                             |                                                                                                                   | Durham Music Service                  |                                          |                |
| Name of other music education organisations                         |                                                                                                                   |                                       |                                          |                |
| Part A: Curriculum music                                            |                                                                                                                   |                                       |                                          |                |
| Development area                                                    | Action required                                                                                                   | Resources required and cost of action | Personnel responsible to initiate action | Date/timescale |
| Has the music curriculum been published online?                     | <a href="https://bishopbarrington.org.uk/curriculum/music/">https://bishopbarrington.org.uk/curriculum/music/</a> | N/A                                   | N Trenholm                               |                |

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| Has the music curriculum been adjusted to make it more accessible for pupils with specific needs, e.g. SEND?           | All tasks are broken down into separate chunks to allow all student to participate in individual and group music making activities.                                     | Ongoing class resources as required.                                        | N Trenholm | Ongoing |
| Does the curriculum clarify how much time is allocated per week for music teaching across all key stages?              | Music is allocated 1 lesson per week to all classes at KS3<br><br>KS4 classes are allocated 5 lessons across 2 weeks.                                                   | N/A                                                                         | N Trenholm |         |
| Is the music curriculum informed by the model music curriculum or any other non-statutory guidance for teaching music? | The curriculum is informed by parts of the MMC and the National Curriculum                                                                                              | N/A                                                                         | N Trenholm | Ongoing |
| What opportunities do pupils have to learn to sing or play an instrument during lesson times?                          | All lessons are practical. Pupils have the opportunity every lesson to access instrument whether keyboard, drums, samba, tuned/untuned percussion and music technology. | PP pupils receive free lessons supported by the school. Aprox £43 per term. | N Trenholm | Ongoing |

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| What partnerships support the school's music curriculum, e.g. a local music hub?          | Durham Music Service provide the support through various instrumental opportunities and working with HOD towards GCSE performances. | N/A                      | N Trenholm | Ongoing |
| What qualifications and awards can pupils study for and achieve during the academic year? | GCSE music is offered at KS4 for the first time.                                                                                    | General music resources. | N Trenholm |         |

### Part B: Extra-curricular music

| Development area                                                                | Action required                                                                                                   | Resources required/cost of action | Personnel responsible to initiate action | Date/timescale |
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| What music tuition offered outside of what is taught in lesson time?            | All lessons are provided by Durham Music Service. They currently provide Drums, Guitar, Voice and Violin lessons. | <u>N/A</u>                        | Durham Music Service                     | Ongoing        |
| What music ensembles can pupils join outside of lesson time?                    | Pupils are encouraged to form bands and groups at lunchtimes. Opportunities to perform are at Christmas.          | N/A                               | N Trenholm                               | Ongoing        |
| Are pupils aware of how they can make progress in music outside of lesson time? | Pupils are aware of learning opportunities outside the classroom. This is supported by weekly guitar club and     | N/A                               | P Galvin (guitar)<br>N Trenholm          | Ongoing        |

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|                                                                                                                             | music club at lunchtime and after school                                                                                                                    |                                 |                      |         |
| Are pupils aware of what music qualifications and awards they can receive outside of lesson time?                           | Pupils are not aware of qualification outside of lesson time.                                                                                               | <u>N/A</u>                      | N Trenholm           |         |
| What instruments are offered for extra-curricular activities, and what is the charging and remissions information for this? | Instruments offered are Drums, guitar, voice and Violin. PP pupils are offered free lessons; others are charged termly for lessons and /or instrument hire. | <u>Cost of those who are PP</u> |                      | Ongoing |
| How can pupils join choirs or ensembles, and what is the charging and remissions information for this?                      | Pupils can join any of the ensembles offered by Durham Music Service.                                                                                       |                                 | Durham Music Service | Ongoing |
| Where can pupils rehearse or practice individually or as part of a group?                                                   | Pupils can either rehearse in the single practice room or in the theatre or music classroom if available.                                                   | <u>N/A</u>                      | N Trenholm           | Ongoing |
| <b>Part C: Musical experiences</b>                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                             |                                 |                      |         |

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| What musical experiences are planned for the academic year?                                      | A Christmas Celebration Show                                                                                                                                          | N/A                               | N Trenholm                               | Christmas 2025 |
| How can pupils get involved with musical performances and concerts in and outside of the school? | In school there is a single music performance opportunity each year. Outside of school any pupil attending any Durham Music Service ensemble have many opportunities. |                                   | N Trenholm<br>Durham Music Service       | Ongoing        |
| What charging fees are there for these musical experiences?                                      | Ensembles offered by the music service are free.                                                                                                                      |                                   |                                          |                |

#### Part D: Improvements

| Development area                                              | Action required                                                            | Resources required/cost of action               | Personnel responsible to initiate action | Date/timescale   |
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| <b>What improvements can be made to the music curriculum?</b> | Develop further opportunities for small group performances during lessons. | Music IT software<br>Midi Keyboards<br>DI boxes | N Trenholm                               | Autumn term 2025 |

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|                                                                           | Raise the profile of composition to develop pupils understanding of how music is put together. | £3700                                            |            |         |
| <b>What improvements can be made to extra-curricular music provision?</b> | Provide further lunchtime clubs eg music technology to support learning in the classroom       |                                                  | N Trenholm | Ongoing |
| <b>What improvements can be made to external musical experiences?</b>     | Offer more opportunities to see/hear others play/record music.                                 | Trips to shows/concerts. Cost dependant on trip. | N Trenholm | Ongoing |

