

# Music Development Plan Summary

## Barnburgh Primary Academy

### Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Tiffany Allison
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Jo Potts
Name of local music hub	Doncaster Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A


This summary provides an overview of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences.

It highlights 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.

### Intent for Music Curriculum

At Barnburgh Primary Academy, we intend to make music an enjoyable and memorable learning experience. We encourage all our children, no matter their attainment, to participate in a variety of musical experiences, in an aim for them to become creative and reflective musicians who can express themselves fluently and confidently.

The teaching of music focuses on developing the children's ability to listen to, compose and perform different forms of music, including developing the understanding of rhythm and following a beat, understanding the structure and organisation of music and appreciating a range of genres. We teach children about the history of music including well-known composers, instrumentation of historical periods and links to significant historical events and periods of time.



Our children develop descriptive language skills in music lessons, when learning about how music can represent different emotions and narratives. We also teach technical vocabulary and we encourage children to use these terms when discussing music.

Our Core Values provide the platform on which we have built our curriculum offer at Barnburgh Primary Academy. Our Music curriculum is underpinned by our Core Values in the following ways;

### **COURAGE**

- To know that it's ok to make mistakes when participating in a music activity and to understand that mistakes are part of the process to reaching a high-quality outcome.
- To have the courage to express themselves musically and to voice their individual opinions and thoughts about a wide variety of different music.
- To be experimental in creating music by taking risks.

### **PERSEVERANCE**

- To develop the ability to stick with something, to continue working, to try harder and to never give up, even when it may be a new skill that is proving difficult.
- To understand that the perseverance and attentiveness needed to complete a music project, leads to personal pride and gratification.

### **AMBITION**

- To do their best work and then to push themselves beyond what they consider to be their best.
- To develop a desire to achieve something brilliant.

### **RESPECT**

- To respect the music of others, including the work of other musicians and their peers.
- To respect musical instruments and other music equipment.

### **INDEPENDENCE**

- To develop confident musicians who are not afraid to 'have a go'.
- To develop musicians who have the confidence to think independently and share their ideas or music with others.
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### **BEYOND THE SUBJECT**

We want our music curriculum to help children to;

- Think creatively in all aspects of their life
- See the world from different perspectives
- Increase their empathy
- Observe and look closer at the world around them
- See connections in the world

## **Curriculum Music**

This is an overview of what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

Our curriculum for music, 'Music Progression Document' is published on our website. This provides a detailed overview of when music is taught for each year group across the year, the skills and knowledge that children will learn in each year and how this progresses to build a depth of knowledge and refine skills as a musician. Our music curriculum is designed to ensure thorough coverage of the National Curriculum for Music.

Children in Year 3 and 4 have the opportunity to learn how to play the recorder as part of whole-class ensemble teaching.

All children have the opportunity to sing weekly during assembly and all children in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to join the choir which is an extra-curricular club.

Peripatetic lessons are available for children in Key Stage 2. These lessons are provided by Doncaster Music Service and offer the opportunity to learn brass, woodwind or strings.

As a school, we work closely with Doncaster Music Hub to ensure that our music curriculum offer is high quality and effective.

## **Co-curricular Music**


We are proud to offer a range of music enrichment opportunities to children throughout school. This includes whole class instrumental lessons for Year 3 and 4, access to peripatetic music lessons for children in KS2, a KS2 choir and opportunities to participate in Musical Stories for children in KS1 and Early Years.

Through accessing enrichment opportunities for music, the children are able to deepen their classroom learning and apply the skills and knowledge that they have learned in a wider context. Children are able to express themselves musically and have regular opportunities to perform to small groups and the wider community.

Children across school are taught the History of Music as part of their curriculum lessons but also each week during assembly where one composer is the focus for each half term. The children have the opportunity to listen to music by that composer and to learn facts about their lives and musical works.

### **Opportunities for Singing**

Children have the opportunity to sing each week in assembly and listen to the weekly hymn on their entry to the classroom each day.



Our choir is open to all children in Key Stage 2 and was established in 2021. The choir sing a range of songs throughout the year that celebrate key events within the calendar and that promote a variety of styles.

The choir is run as a weekly enrichment club on a Thursday after school. There is no fee for children to attend choir. Children are supported to sing a range of styles including pop, classical, cultural and jazz music. They are taught about note values, tempo, mood and style as well as how to improve their basic singing technique. This builds upon not just their progression within choir but also embeds the fundamental skills of music taught through their whole class lessons.

Throughout the year, the choir perform at a number of events for family, friends and the wider community. The children also have the opportunity each year to perform with live musicians and professional singers through the Young Voices annual event.

The choir aims to build confidence and self-esteem in children as well as promoting a love of singing and music. The children are encouraged to show our core values each week in choir rehearsals. There are opportunities for children to perform solo parts at events.

### **Opportunities to Play an Instrument**

We offer 3 instrumental lessons across the week to children in KS2. These are trombone, guitar and flute. All lessons are taught by experienced music teachers through Doncaster Music Service.

A number of children attend lessons in small groups. We offer the Let's Make Music programme which is designed for complete beginners and to give an introduction to playing an instrument and reading music. Children who have completed one year of Let's Make Music then have the opportunity to progress to the Standard Music Teaching programme which builds upon their skills and knowledge and allows them to develop their musical ability further. Children who access music lessons are able to loan an instrument from Doncaster Music Service which they take home to allow them to continue to practice out of school.

Instrument tuition is offered to all Key Stage 2 pupils at the start of each academic year. These are charged directly to parents and prices are based on 4 children in a tuition group. For children in receipt of Pupil Premium, these lessons are offered at subsidised rate.

For children learning how to play an instrument, they have the opportunity to join Doncaster Junior Band once their teacher feels that they are ready to play as part of an ensemble.

The children who play flute and brass have the opportunity to join a dinner time club to work towards the ABRSM Music Medals – an assessment that will be delivered in school.



## **Musical Experiences**

Throughout the year, there are many opportunities for children to perform to peers, parents and members of the community. The opportunities for performances are:

- Young Voices
- Doncaster Sing Out
- Drama festivals
- Barnburgh and Harlington Carnival
- St Peter's Church – the choir have performed here for Harvest and Christmas
- Live musicians invited into school

For all music events, we understand that cost can be a significant factor. Wherever possible, we keep costs to a minimum.

## **Next Steps for Barnburgh Academy**

Our next step as an academy is to share our embedded music curriculum with other schools. We will continue to build upon our strong foundations to provide an ambitious curriculum for our children and widen their opportunities to be involved in performing with other musicians.