



St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School

To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us

Music development plan summary

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	Amy Norris
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Amy Norris
Name of local music hub	Liverpool
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.

At St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, our music curriculum (Sparkyard) provides teachers with a clear sequence of musical activities to use in the classroom. With singing at its heart, it uses a skills-based approach where key musical concepts and themes are developed and revisited across the year groups, building on knowledge and understanding at every stage. Each term is organized into progressive steps, and within each step there are a selection of lessons and activities for teachers to choose from in order to make appropriate adaptations to the teaching sequence.

The curriculum in Sparkyard exceeds the breadth and ambition of the Model Music Curriculum, and allows teachers the flexibility to adapt to the specific needs of the children.

This is supplemented by a music specialist who, throughout the year, will work with each cohort of children, with a particular focus on composition.

Part B: Extra-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.

At St. Vincent's we offer our pupils the opportunity to become a member of the school choir. The choir meets weekly, after school to learn and rehearse a wide range of songs and at the end of each term, they perform the songs that they have been learning.

Peripatetic teachers are invited into school to offer music lessons throughout the year.

We work in partnership with our local Music Hub to support us in the development of music opportunities.

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.

All children participate in singing twice a week in assembly and have opportunities throughout the week to sing during class worship, or in other areas of the curriculum lessons.

Musical Performances

Early Years Nativity

Nativity Carol Service

Easter Service

Visits to the local nursing homes

St V Festival (end of year Summer festival) at which each class performs

Additionally, children participate in singing during whole school Masses and services throughout the year. Throughout the year, opportunities are planned for classes to enjoy musical performances in school and as trips to professional concerts when available.

In the future

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

We hope to develop our enrichment of music further through increasing the opportunities for children to participate in, or attend external music concerts, visiting local orchestra productions.

We will continue to promote opportunities for children to learn to play a musical instrument in school, with the aim of increasing up-take of this opportunity.