

# Music development plan summary: Kensworth CE Academy



## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Sarah Bowley
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Inspiring Music- Central Bedfordshire
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.

We believe that the development of musical skills is important to the wellbeing of our children and the creation of balanced young people. We encourage enjoyment and understanding of music through listening, composing and performing. Children are taught a wide range of songs and introduced to a variety of instruments. To meet the requirements of the Model Music Curriculum we follow the Charanga music scheme. Staff have received training on this and there is progression in Music teaching throughout the school. We have recently purchased a new class set of glockenspiels so that all our children have been able to use tuned percussion instruments within music lessons. Our

Music curriculum is inclusive for all and our staff make adaptations to activities to ensure that pupils with SEND can access the curriculum alongside their peers successfully. On average our pupils in Key Stage one and Key Stage two receive at least one hour of music education each week.

## **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.

We have a school Choir, which is free of charge and open to all pupils. We enjoy singing 'i sing pop' songs together

Our school choir perform at School and Church concerts and events. Some of our pupils recently attended the Church of England conference with the DSAMAT combined school choir.

We often sing within our daily acts of worship within school, and we learn about different composers and genres of music through 'Composer of the Week'

## **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.

Our children sing with their parents 'Carols on the Playground'. Each year the whole school attends the Dunstable Pantomime and our children really enjoy this live musical event. We have in previous years sang and performed with other Diocesan schools at St Albans Abbey and the Church School conference. In school we have a Harvest Festival, a Christmas Nativity Service, a Christmas Production and an Easter service in which our children have speaking and singing parts, with some solo singing performances.

## In the future

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

Key stage two whole class musical tuition (Inspiring Music or other specialist teachers)

Organising an annual 'Make Music Day', when each class composes and/or performs to the whole school.

We would like to invite more musicians into school so that the children are inspired by a variety of live musical performances.

Choir to perform in local places- to further promote school.

Further collaboration across DSAMAT schools to support music development and musical experiences.

Apply for School Music Mark

Further training and CPD for non-specialist teachers

## Further information (optional)

<https://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk>

<https://charanga.com/site/>