# Music development plan summary: Bishop Lonsdale Primary School and Nursery

## Overview

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| Detail | Information |
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| Name of the school music lead | L. Buckley |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | As above |
| Name of local music hub | Derby City |
| 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.

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| At Bishop Lonsdale, we are committed to providing a well-rounded and engaging music education for all pupils. Music plays an important role in our curriculum, helping children develop creativity, confidence, and teamwork skills.  **Music in Lesson Time** All pupils from Nursery to Year 6 take part in structured music lessons. We follow the Charanga music scheme, which ensures a progressive and balanced approach to learning music. Our curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021) and focuses on four key areas: singing, performing, composing/improvising, and listening.  **Lesson Time Allocation**   * Key Stages 1 & 2: One hour of timetabled music lessons per week. * Early Years (Nursery & Reception): Music is incorporated into daily learning through songs, movement, and exploration. * Whole-School Singing: All pupils take part in a weekly singing assembly, supported by a live pianist.   **Instrumental Opportunities**   * Whole-class violin tuition for Years 5 & 6, delivered by the Derbyshire Music Hub. * Pupils also learn glockenspiels, recorders, and violins as part of their music lessons. * A new school choir is being introduced, led by a volunteer from the local church.   **Music Performances & Achievements** Pupils have regular opportunities to develop their performance skills, including:   * EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play * KS2 Drama Club Performance * Termly singing worship events, in partnership with the local church * Year 5 & 6 violin showcase, in collaboration with the Derbyshire Music Hub   **Future Developments**   * Expanding instrumental tuition and encouraging more pupils to take part in music clubs. * Developing pupils’ skills in composition and improvisation. * Exploring ways to integrate music technology into the curriculum. * Strengthening partnerships with music organisations to offer live performances and workshops.   Music is an important part of life at Bishop Lonsdale, and we continue to develop our provision to give all pupils the opportunity to experience and enjoy making music. |

## 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.

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| At Bishop Lonsdale, we offer a range of opportunities for pupils to develop their musical skills outside of lesson time. Whether they enjoy singing, playing an instrument, or performing in a group, there are plenty of ways for children to continue their musical journey beyond the core curriculum.  **Choirs & Singing Opportunities** We are in the process of establishing a school choir, which will be open to pupils from Year 2. The choir will meet weekly during lunchtime and be led by a volunteer from our local church. Initially, the choir will focus on Christian songs, but as it develops, we aim to expand the repertoire to include a wider range of musical styles. There is no charge for joining the choir, and all pupils are welcome to take part.  **Instrumental Ensembles & Bands** We currently offer a recorder club, which runs for one half-term each year. This is an introductory group where pupils learn basic musical notation and performance techniques. Our aim is to expand this club over time to introduce a wider variety of musical genres.  In addition, all pupils in Years 5 and 6 receive whole-class violin tuition, provided by the Derbyshire Music Hub. This is fully funded by the school.  **Instrumental Tuition & Costs** Currently, pupils learn to play the **violin, recorder, and glockenspiel** in their music lessons. While whole-class tuition is free, one-to-one or small-group tuition is not yet available. However, we are exploring ways to offer this in the future.  **Future Plans**   * Expanding our choir and instrumental groups to include more pupils across different year groups. * Introducing additional opportunities for one-to-one or small-group music tuition. * Developing a dedicated practice space for pupils to rehearse individually or in groups. * Encouraging greater participation in music clubs, performances, and external musical events. |

## 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.

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| At Bishop Lonsdale, we offer a wide range of musical experiences beyond the classroom, helping pupils develop confidence, teamwork, and a love of performing.  **Singing in School** Singing plays a key role in school life. Every week, all pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 take part in a **singing assembly**, led by a staff member and accompanied by a live pianist. These sessions help children develop their vocal skills and learn a variety of songs, including those linked to Christian values, the seasons, and key celebrations.  **Concerts & Performances** We provide regular opportunities for pupils to share their musical talents with parents and the wider school community. Key events include:   * EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play – A traditional performance featuring singing and music. * KS2 Drama Club Performance – A chance for older pupils to develop their performance skills through acting and singing. * Termly Singing Worship – Held in partnership with our local church, these events celebrate occasions such as Harvest and Easter. * Year 5 & 6 Violin Showcase – Pupils learning the violin through the Derbyshire Music Hub perform for parents and peers.   **Trips & External Performances** Experiencing live music is an important part of our curriculum. This year, pupils attended a professional performance of *The Snowman*, accompanied by a live orchestra. We aim to make this an annual tradition so that all children have the opportunity to experience live classical music.  **Future Plans** We are continually looking to expand our musical opportunities, including:   * Developing our new school choir, which will meet weekly and perform at school and community events. * Exploring collaborative performances with other schools and music organisations. * Increasing opportunities for pupils to participate in music festivals or competitions. |

## In the future

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

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| At Bishop Lonsdale, we are continuously developing our music provision to ensure all pupils receive a high-quality and enriching musical education. Over the next few years, we have exciting plans to enhance our curriculum, expand co-curricular music opportunities, and provide even more musical experiences for our pupils.  **Developments in Curriculum Music** We are committed to following the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021) to provide a well-structured and engaging musical education. Our key plans for the next two years include:   * Maintaining weekly one-hour music lessons for all pupils in Key Stages 1 and 2, ensuring every child has regular opportunities to develop their musical skills. * Expanding composition and improvisation activities within lessons, supporting pupils in developing their own musical ideas. * Enhancing instrumental teaching, ensuring pupils gain confidence in playing a variety of instruments. This will include strengthening whole-class instrumental learning and exploring opportunities for small-group tuition. * Increasing staff training to improve confidence and expertise in delivering music lessons, with a focus on supporting non-specialist teachers.   **Improvements in Co-Curricular Music & Performances** To provide more opportunities for pupils to participate in music beyond lessons, we are planning to:   * Expand our new school choir by offering regular rehearsals and performance opportunities, including school and community events. * Increase participation in live music experiences, including trips to professional concerts and opportunities to work with visiting musicians. We plan to make the annual trip to a live orchestral performance, such as *The Snowman*, a permanent fixture. * Encourage greater involvement in instrumental ensembles, including the recorder club, and explore introducing additional small-group music clubs.   **Expanding Instrumental Learning Opportunities**   * Our partnership with the **Derbyshire Music Hub** will continue, with plans to strengthen the progression of violin tuition in Years 5 and 6.   **Enhancing Music Spaces & Resources**   * We recognise the need for a dedicated practice space where pupils can rehearse individually or in small groups. Over the next two years, we will explore ways to improve access to rehearsal spaces. * We will maintain musical instruments, ensuring that all pupils have access to high-quality resources for learning.   We are excited to continue growing our music provision at Bishop Lonsdale, ensuring that all pupils have the opportunity to develop their musical talents and enjoy a wide range of musical experiences. |