

Music development plan summary: Manor Hill First School

Overview

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Name of local music hub	Entrust Music Service

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.

Every student receives 1 hour a week of music in Early Years, KS1 and KS2. Our music curriculum is informed by sing Up, which ensures that our students are offered all opportunities possible to sing and play an instrument during their lesson time. Pupils learn a variety of instruments during their time at Manor Hill including: glockenspiel and tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments. These instruments are taught through whole-class ensemble teaching in all most year groups. We work closely with our local music hub, Music Leaders within our Trust and also with middle schools in our local area – sharing ideas and good practice.

Music plays a large part in our weekly assemblies, with the chance for each year group to perform to an audience and a repertoire of songs from different genres being learned by the children throughout their time at Manor Hill.

Music is an accessible subject for all pupils including those with SEND and our curriculum offers plentiful opportunities for everyone to participate and excel.

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.

A range of music clubs are offered throughout each year.

Each year Manor Hill signs up for Young Voices, which has been very popular, with us taking around 40 students from across year 3 and 5. This choir forms in September and rehearses once a week, after school in preparation for the concert – the choir then performs at school presentation evenings and local events where other young musicians have the opportunity to perform in front of their peers, parents and carers.

Pupils take part in Young Voices free of charge – this is funded through the music yearly budget. This ensures that students from disadvantaged backgrounds are able to access the event.

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.

This academic year we have booked the Young Voices concert for 2025. This year we will be performing at the new Co-op Live arena in Manchester. This experience also allows them to see other amazing and professional performers and musicians during the rehearsal and concert. All fees are paid for by the school for Young voices with no charges to pupils and parents, it is also an experience open to all levels of singers. Parents, carers, family and friends also have the opportunity to buy tickets and join us for a spectacular evening. They have the opportunity to perform in front of a huge crowd and be part of the largest choir in the UK.

Within school, musical performances are prioritised with all classes performing throughout the year in celebration concerts for events such as Christmas or Harvest.

In addition an end of year production is performed by the school leavers, the latest being 'Matilda the Musical'.

Leading up to Christmas, one of our trips is to the local theatre to watch a production, these experiences enable the students to see professional singers and musicians perform on stage, inspiring them through the performance and deepening their understanding on the music curriculum.

Our school has excellent links with other schools within the trust. At the end of each academic year, year 4 come together with Parkside Primary and Green Lea Fist school

to perform a selection of songs. This has been a great success which allows the children to sing together and perform in front of an audience.

At Manor Hill we also engage in virtual experiences, using technology to tune into concerts and to participate in events organised by the Local Authority Music Service, most recently an end of year 'sing along'.

In the future

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

The first plan on the agenda is to offer musical instrument lessons to all children from years 2 to 4. From a parent survey, we have identified which instruments the children would like to learn to play. From September 2024 we will be able to offer piano and guitar lessons as part of the extra- curricular timetable.

In subsequent years to come our school will still be taking part in the Young Voices choir, with even more pupils attending than the previous year.

We plan to offer more opportunities to sing in our local community throughout the year and to participate in a Trust wide concert at the end of this year.