Music development plan summary: Prince Avenue Academy

Detail	Information
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Name of local music hub	Southend 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.

At Prince Avenue all children have the chance to express themselves within different areas of the music curriculum. The children are given the opportunity within our music lessons to learn creatively, which benefits them both academically but also benefits their wellbeing. The diversity within the music curriculum broadens the children's knowledge, enhances their enjoyment and deepens their understanding of other cultures across the world.

During our music lessons we:

1.Promote an enjoyment and respects of all genres of music.

2. Give all students the chance to play an instrument, both percussion and tuned.

3. Ensure students will have opportunities to explore and express ideas and feelings about music, in a variety of ways.

4. Encourage active involvement in creating and developing musical ideas using voice and instruments.

5. Enable all students to access and develop an enjoyment of music which will sustain through their lives.

We teach the National Curriculum, informed by the Model Music Curriculum which supports clear skills and knowledge progression ensuring that skills are built on year by year and sequenced appropriately to maximise learning for all children. Lessons are a minimum of 30 minutes per week and are taught by class teachers or a music specialist. Teaching is supported by the Charanga curriculum scheme of work, which is adapted to meet the needs of the pupils at Prince Avenue. This musical learning is further supplemented by a weekly singing assembly lasting 20 minutes.

Lessons take into consideration children with SEND. Accessible materials and instruments are provided.

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.

At Prince Avenue Academy, we have an active choir who participate regularly in our singing assemblies and take part in activities throughout the academic year. This is led by an experienced and enthusiastic singing teacher. The choir learn a variety of genres of music including pop, classical, choral and musical theatre. Choir sessions involve developing vocal and performance techniques as well as musicality and singing as part of a group.

We also offer a performing arts club, where children are able to act, sing and dance, developing their creative skill. Identified pupils have 1-1 lessons with peripatetic music teachers using the Pupil Premium provision.

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.

We offer a variety of musical experiences, giving the children the opportunity to experience live music, including the piano and woodwind,

Pupils have also been given the opportunity to sing with a brass band, experiencing the differences between singing with live instruments to singing with a recording.

All year groups incorporate music in their year group assemblies to parents, with Reception and KS1 also taking part in a Nativity and Year 6 performing a more in-depth musical play.

In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

-Offer more 1-1 music lessons for identified pupils.

-Develop further instrumental teaching, during music lessons, for all pupils in Years 1-6.

-Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.

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-Pupils to have a widened experience of live music in a range of contexts.

-Broaden the range of performance opportunities for children in school and beyond for parents to attend.

-Additional funding from hub/charities/fundraising – proactively try to find additional funding for music.

-Develop a strong foundation of music in the early years