

Clifton Green Primary School - Music Development Plan Summary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Karen Banks

Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	n/a
Name of local music hub	Y Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Richard Shepherd Music Foundation SING Music Education York Arts Education Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment Gabrieli Consort Young Voices

	York University Music Education Group
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Curriculum Music -

At Clifton Green Primary School, we are dedicated to providing an enriching and comprehensive music education that instils a lifelong passion for music in our pupils. It aims to ensure that every child, regardless of background or prior experience, including those with SEND, has access to a rich and varied musical education. We believe that music is an essential part of a well-rounded education, contributing to students' intellectual, emotional, and social development and aim to empower every child to express themselves through music, building their confidence, teamwork and self-expression.

Aligned with the Development Matters and the Model Music Curriculum, our curriculum is designed to provide a sequential and coherent music education and is carefully crafted to foster creativity, nurture talent, and develop a deep understanding of music across various cultures and genres. Our intent is to equip our pupils with the knowledge, skills, and cultural awareness necessary to appreciate and engage with music in a meaningful way and we aspire to cultivate well-rounded musicians who can sing, play, compose, and perform with proficiency and enthusiasm. Through our music curriculum, we seek to instil in our pupils a sense of curiosity, an appreciation for diverse musical traditions, and the ability to connect emotionally with music.

To realise our music curriculum's intent, we have partnered with Sing Education, a specialist provider of music education, through support from the Richard Shepherd Music Foundation. Our curriculum is thoughtfully structured with half-termly units, each building upon the foundation of prior learning while introducing new concepts and challenges. This scaffolded approach ensures a logical progression of skills and knowledge, enabling our pupils to consolidate, expand, and refine their musical abilities. The Kodaly method, integral to our curriculum, ensures that musical concepts are presented systematically and aligned with students' prior experiences. Our specialist music teachers facilitate lessons that are child-centred, inclusive, and foster a love for singing. These lessons are enriched with high-quality resources and instruments including the ukulele, glockenspiel, recorder and percussion which all pupils learn as part of Whole Class Ensemble Teaching sessions. The pupils are regularly assessed in sessions and pupils love earning the 'Star Musician' Award each week. All pupils receive a 30 - 40 minute SING education music lesson per week plus a 20 minute singing assembly.

Co-curricular Music -

At Clifton Green Primary School, regular performances at the end of each half term provide students with opportunities to showcase their musical growth and articulate their learning journey. These include our Harvest, Christmas and Easter Celebrations, our Key Stage 1 Musical Nativity Plays and our Key Stage 2 Easter Concert at St Peter's School. We also offer extracurricular activities, such as lunchtime, after-

school and half-term music clubs and singing assemblies, to further immerse students in the joy of music. These include the Little Voices and Young Voices Singing Clubs and the lunchtime SING Music Clubs - KS1 (Musical Skills) and KS2 Violin Club. This has led to many students opting for small group and one-to-one private tuition to receive personalised instruction in a range of musical instruments via our partnership with local music teachers, the Y Music Hub and York Arts Education. Pupils are offered a wide range of instruments including piano/keyboard, voice, woodwind, brass, strings and percussion. These are open to all pupils regardless of background and bursaries are available for all pupils if required. We are always looking to expand our range of instruments offered and this year we will also be trying to expand our offer so pupils are engaging in a wider variety of musical instruments.

Musical Experiences -

At Clifton Green Primary School, pupils are given the opportunity to participate in a wide range of musical experiences. Our Partnership with Y Music Hub, York Arts Education, the Richard Shepherd Music Foundation and SING Education allow us to participate in many musical experiences during the year. These include our partnership with Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment in which the Key Stage 1 pupils will perform with the orchestra songs based upon Hadyn's 'Surprise' Symphony. We also annually participate in the Young Voices Concert in Sheffield Arena and York Choral Festival. A range of workshops are on offer to us in partnership with York University's Music Education Group where different year groups participate in Drumming and Samba workshops. We also take as many pupils as we can to the Richard Shepherd Foundations 'Make Music Day' at York St John University as well as taking part in performances at Christmas and with the Gabrieli Ensemble with the charity. Alongside this, we try and take as many opportunities as possible to have performers visit assemblies to showcase a wide range of different instruments and types of music. We also provide an opportunity for our Year 5 pupils to see a West End Musical as part of our annual visit to London.

Future Plans -

We are always expanding our musical provision and hope to continue to grow the number of pupils and the range of musical instruments available for pupils to learn and this year hope to expand our accessibility to string, woodwind and brass instruments by using the Y Hub's instrumental loan scheme to provide violin and flute lunchtime clubs for children to learn the basics and experience these instruments. We are also always eager to take part in any musical experiences offered to us via our partnerships and will always endeavour to participate in them when they arise. This year, we have also been offered a trial of 'Composer of the Week' and this will be added to our weekly assemblies for the pupils to expand their knowledge of composers and the chronology of music. We are also intending to have Music Prefects this year to help lead music in school and to send out a Music Newsletter to staff and parents.