

Music development plan summary: *Pickering Community Junior School*



To Care

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Jennifer Holmes
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Michaela De Barr
Name of local music hub	North Yorkshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• North Yorkshire First Access Music Programme• RSMF (Richard Shepherd Music Foundation)• Sing Education• North Yorkshire County 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

Pickering Community Junior School is recognised by the North Yorkshire Music Service as a Music Mark School due to the value that we place on music education and opportunities. Music is a key part of the National Curriculum and we believe in the importance of providing a fun and engaging curriculum that builds on prior knowledge and is focused on the inter-related dimensions of music: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and notation. In line with 'The power of music to change lives: a national plan for music education', we ensure that children receive an average of one-hour of music teaching per week. This time is made up of curriculum music lessons, assemblies (including a weekly, whole-school music assembly) and

rehearsals for school performances throughout the year, such as for the Harvest Festival, Christmas Concert and upper school play.

Year 3

Children in Year 3 receive 1 hour of music teaching each fortnight delivered by the North Yorkshire First Access Music Programme – brass band model. Within these lessons, Mrs Kendall teaches children how to play a brass instrument of their choice through whole-class and small-group ensemble.

Years 4, 5 and 6

Children in years 4, 5 and 6 receive, on average, 1 hour of music teaching each fortnight delivered by Sing Education. Within these lessons, Mr C Wood teaches children how to sing and play the glockenspiel through whole-class and small-group ensemble, as well as providing solo opportunities.

Based on the National Curriculum and recommendations made within the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021), class teachers work alongside and support music professionals from the North Yorkshire First Access Music Programme and Sing Education to ensure that children develop the key skills of: singing, listening and appraising, composing and improvising, and performing. Professionals adapt teaching throughout the lesson in response to children's needs, using support resources and equipment to enhance musical access, opportunity and skills, ensuring progress is made for all pupils, including those with SEND.

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.

North Yorkshire County Music Service:

At Pickering Community Junior School, we work closely with North Yorkshire County Music Service to provide small-group and individual music tuition. Currently, Mrs Kendall teaches brass, Mr Chatto teaches guitar, Mrs Clare teaches violin/viola and Miss Adrian teaches piano outside of lesson time. Woodwind and percussion tuition is also available – please see the North Yorkshire Music Hub website to register your interest and find out more: www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk. Regular contact is made through practice diaries and termly reports to ensure that parents and carers are in contact with the music teacher and can support their child's practice at home. Fee pricings are paid per term (3 payments per year): please see the Music Hub website for all costings.

- 30% discount is available for Working Tax Credit eligibility which applies to standard group lessons only and to one instrument per child.

- 100% discount is available to those eligible for Free Schools Meals by receipt of:

1. Income Support
2. Job Seekers' Allowance (Income Based)
3. Child Tax Credit and annual income below threshold (£16,190 from April 2017) and not receiving working tax credit.
4. Income related Employment and Support Allowance
5. Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
6. Looked After Children (LAC)
7. Support under Part VI of Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

Discounts apply to standard group lessons only and to one instrument per child.

After-School Clubs:

Mrs Kendall (North Yorkshire County Music teacher) runs a weekly, after-school samba club which is open to all children. The cost is £2.00 per session (free to those eligible for Pupil Premium) and the club runs all year round.

During the autumn and spring terms, Miss Holmes runs a weekly, school choir rehearsal on a Tuesday lunchtime – Singing Squad. Children from Years 3 - 6 learn how to sing a variety of different songs as an ensemble, rehearsing for the annual Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Arena and school Christmas Concert which is held at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Pickering. The cost is £2.00 per session (free to those eligible for pupil premium).

In addition, the Ryelarks, run by Mrs A Davis rehearse on a Monday evening in the school hall. The choir is open to both staff and parents and costs £31.00 per month.

Please visit their website to find out more: [Choir | Singing In Ryedale | Malton](#)

Furthermore, we currently have children at school who are members of Stape Silver Band (training band). They rehearse in Pickering on a Tuesday evening, 6:30pm – 7:30pm, and are always on the lookout for beginner, intermediate and experienced players. The annual fee is £25 and includes tuition, instrument and uniform. Please visit their website to find out more: <https://stapesilverband.wixsite.com/website>

Holiday Provision

Through our partnership with the Richard Shepherd Foundation, we host regular Music days during the school holidays. Details of upcoming events are shared via our school newsletter.

Rehearsal Areas

Children in Year 3 are able to independently rehearse their chosen brass instrument at home as they borrow the instrument for the duration of the year, returning it to school for lessons, rehearsals and performances only.

Within school, we have an arts room which is used year-round for music tuition and rehearsal. The main school hall is also used regularly for these purposes, too.

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.

Music Assembly

All children partake in a whole-school, weekly music assembly which is led by Mr Wood from Sing Education. Within this assembly, children learn to sing and perform as a large ensemble.

At least once per term, external musicians are booked in to perform to the whole-school in this assembly slot. In addition to this, each class will also perform once per year as part of an ensemble to their peers.

Music of the Week

Children are encouraged to listen to a variety of music genre across the academic year. All year group and whole-school assemblies begin with a song of the week. Children are encouraged to listen to and appraise this song, sharing their opinions and exploring the culture and history of the music being listened to.

Musical Performances

Singing Squad (children from years 3 – 6) perform each year at the Young Voices Concert in Sheffield Arena. £20 is requested from parents and carers to help contribute towards transport fees; our Friends of the School (FoS) pay the remaining fee. Singing Squad also sing as an ensemble in the annual school Christmas Concert and Summer Serenade (to family), perform as part of a Sing Up Day afternoon - where we welcome children from Pickering Infant and Nursery School to perform alongside our children - and they visit two local care homes to perform to residents near Christmas time, too.

Children who take up music lessons with North Yorkshire County Music Service are invited to perform at the school Christmas Concert each year, including solos, duets and small group ensemble, as well as during a couple of whole-school music assembly slots to their peers.

In the summer term, upper school children spend time rehearsing an end of year production which involves acting, singing and dancing – all upper school children are involved in singing. Members of staff and years 3, 4 and 5 watch the dress rehearsal together. Family members are invited to watch the production (matinee and two evening performances). Tickets are charged at £2 each to help cover the cost of the licence and props.

Year 6 also perform two songs in their leavers' assembly to parents and family members.

All year groups rehearse songs for the Harvest Festival and Christmas Concert which are both performed in front of parents and carers.

Giving the children opportunity to showcase their musical skills is important to our school. Once a year, the children are invited to enter our annual competition, *PCJS Has Got Talent*.

In the future

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

Previously, we were fortunate to receive a donation from the Ryedale Jazz Society which we plan to use to put towards funding for a band stand on the school field. Not only will this enable us to extend our rehearsal space, but it was also and allow us to perform outdoors and increase the number of live, termly performances that we showcase.

Moving forwards, we will continue to increase community links with Pickering Community Infant and Nursery School and Lady Lumley's School.

This year, we also aim to complete our outdoor, music sensory area and will re-introduce an annual Summer Serenade event.