Music Development Plan summary: Rutherford House School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
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Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Miss Turvill
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Miss Cowen
Name of local music hub	Wandsworth Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	n/a

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 and how much time is spent teaching music.

The RHS Music Curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum and is inclusive for all pupils. The whole school music curriculum overview can be found on the school website.

Allocated curriculum time

EYFS: 30 minutes per week KS1 and KS2: 45 minutes per week

Music lessons are based on the four elements of music: listening, singing, composing and performing.
We ensure pupils **perform**, **listen** to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians. The children learn to **sing** and to use their voices, to create and **compose** music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence. They also understand and explore pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations. In addition to this, children get the opportunity to play the ukelele, tuned percussion (eg. xylophone) and untuned percussion (eg. claves, drums, tambourines etc.).

Whole Class Instrumental Tuition is delivered by Wandsworth Music to all children in Year 4 throughout the entire academic year. They learn to play brass instruments (trumpets and trombones) and each class receives 45 minutes of tuition per week for 10 weeks per term.

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.
There are many opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time. .
Peripatetic teachers teach individual music lessons across the school. Children have the opportunity to learn piano, guitar, drums and brass instruments. Each child has the chance to perform in a recital held annually for parents and peers.

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.

Our Reception, KS1 and KS2 children sing weekly in our singing assemblies.

A number of year groups take part in the singing projects held by Wandsworth Music each year. Year 3 children take part in the Wandsworth ‘Winter Sounds’ singing project throughout Autumn Term, culminating in a performing at Fairfield Halls in December. Year 5 children take part in the Wandsworth ‘Spring Sounds’ singing project throughout Spring Term, culminating in a performance held at Fairfield Halls in March. Year 2 children take part in the Wandsworth ‘Summer Sounds’ singing project throughout the Summer Term, culminating in a concert held at the school in July.

Productions are a large part of the school calendar, with the EYFS Nativity, KS1 Winter Concert, the KS2 Christmas Carol concert and the Year 6 Production. As part of the Christmas show, all children aged between 4 – 11 take part and sing as part of the production. The Year 6 production, which takes place every July, involves all children in Year 6 singing as part of the show.

As part of the Whole School Music Tuition, all of our year 4 children perform at the end of each term to their peers and parents to celebrate the progress they have made.

In the future

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

We plan to continue to increase the range of instrumental lessons available to the children at RHS, including the opportunity for children to take part in individual singing lessons. We are also hoping to give our children greater opportunities to perform at a range of events.

Further information

Useful information / links

Wandsworth Music

DfE Music Education: Guide for parents and young people