

Music development plan summary: Stamshaw Junior School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026/2027
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Name of the school music lead	Alison Spicer, Interim Deputy Headteacher
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Portsmouth Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady Music School

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 Stamshaw Junior School, pupils have weekly music lessons following the Charanga schemes of work. Each lesson is 1 hour long. Through this scheme, children are taught to appraise music across a range of genres, gain foundational skills in the inter-related dimensions of music, and develop their performance skills. This scheme follows the National Curriculum for Music and includes recommendations from the DfE's new Model Music Curriculum. Key skills are developed and progress through the year groups. Lessons are wholly inclusive and teachers formatively assess children and plan opportunities to build on prior learning. Pupils work towards a number of performances across the year including Harvest, Christmas productions, and the Year 6 School Production. A range of untuned percussion and a whole class set of glockenspiels and recorders are reserved for every class during their timetabled Music slot.

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.

Outside our curriculum music provision, pupils have the opportunity to sign up to Rocksteady Band Lessons. These are fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for year 3 - 6 with no experience or instrument required. Pupils can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends. Rocksteady Band Leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of playing music. There is a low cost, monthly subscription that can be cancelled at any time. Rocksteady provide bursary spaces and we also fund a number of pupil premium pupils each year. Our Rocksteady bands perform 3 times a year to our pupils and parents.

A peripatetic Guitar Teacher offers individual and group tuition outside of school hours. We work closely with the Portsmouth Music Hub and share information with our parents about ensembles that our pupils can join in the local area.

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.

At Stamshaw, we are committed to providing opportunities for our pupils to participate in high quality live performances as well experiencing what it's like to be member of the audience.

Every week, pupils participate in a whole school singing assembly. Throughout the year, pupils enjoy coming together to sing and enjoy learning songs across a range of artists and genres.

Last year, we implemented 'Musician of the Month'. As the children lead in and out of assembly, they listen to musicians and composers who have been carefully selected, to grow an understanding and appreciation of music from all genres, periods and cultures. Information is shared about each musician to inspire and enthuse our pupils.

In the future

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

We recognise that there is more that we can do to ensure our Music provision is of the highest quality. In the Autumn term, we will be hosting a Charanga workshop for our non specialist teachers and teachers from the surrounding area. This CPD opportunity will give our teachers the confidence to deliver the scheme effectively and identify any further training areas.

We are going to audit our selection of instruments to ensure that pupils have access to high quality tuned and untuned percussion.

We will partner with the Portsmouth Music Hub and Portsmouth Music Service to utilise local opportunities to hear live music or participate in interactive, collaborative performances.

Further information

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