

# Music development plan summary: *Combs Ford Primary School*

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Georgia Edwards
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Georgia Edwards
Name of local music hub	Suffolk Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music 4 Schools Foundation

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 Combs Ford Primary, we follow the Kapow Primary Music Curriculum from EYFS to Year Six. This curriculum is based on the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021) which is non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages One to Three.

Children access one music lesson a week, which is 50 minutes in length. Over the year, children learn about performance, listening, composition, the inter-related dimensions of music and the history of music through six units of work. They also have the opportunity to work in the music room, with a variety of instruments. Please see our website for more detail of what children learn in our music curriculum:

[Combs Ford Primary School - Music](#)

Throughout the year, pupils have many opportunities to learn to sing and play instruments, such as tuned percussion and keyboards, in their music lessons that occur weekly. We aim to offer whole class ensemble teaching in KS2 throughout the year.

## **Part B: Extra-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.

During their time at Combs Ford Primary, children also have opportunities to further their musical interests. We have a KS2 Choir, peripatetic lessons through the Music4Schools Foundation from years 2 to 6 and the Young Voices Choir, which performs at the O2 Arena annually. We also work with Rock Steady to provide a more contemporary learning opportunity, where the children can learn to play an instrument that makes up a rock band. Each term, these children perform in front of an audience of their parents and peers to celebrate their learning.

Our choirs come at no charge to the children to join, but as the Young Voices Choir performs at the O2, travel costs apply for this event. Parents are welcomed to join us at the O2, and will need to purchase a ticket to enter the venue.

Our instrumental lessons come through the Music4Schools foundation, which is a charity that teaches a range of woodwind instruments for our children in Year 2 through to Year 6. Lessons come at a cost to the parent, as does the instrument loan. As the Music4Schools foundation is a charity, the cost for instrument tuition is low, and subsidies are available for eligible families.

We also work with Rock Steady to provide further instrument tuition that is more contemporary. The children have the chance to learn voice, keyboard, guitar, bass and drums and to do this in form of a rock band. This tuition is at a cost to the parent, and all learning takes place within school- instruments are not loaned from Rock Steady. For eligible families, subsidies are available.

## **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 Combs Ford, we offer the children many opportunities to experience music and musical events. Our children participate in a singing assembly once a week, and learn a mixture of traditional and popular songs. We visit our local church for Harvest and Christmas festivals, where the children sing songs that celebrate the events. Each child also has the chance to perform in a musical: Key Stage One in their Christmas

Performance, Lower Key Stage Two in their musical in the Spring term, and Upper Key Stage Two at the end of the Summer term. Our productions are always a musical production, allowing the children to experience both drama and music performance in front of an audience.

Outside of curriculum opportunities, we also attend an annual pantomime which allows children listen to professional performances as part of an audience. This year, we will also be taking a group of students to the Corn Exchange in Ipswich to perform as part of a celebration of Music across the Child's Endeavour Trust. Our Young Voices Choir performs at the O2 Arena early in the Spring Term, and our KS2 choir travels with another local school to perform in a Christmas Service at a local church.

## **In the future**

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

Looking forward, we aim to improve the quality of our music teaching across the school, to a standard where we will achieve the Music Mark School status.

In our music curriculum, we aim to be able to provide whole class ensemble teaching in a variety of different instruments across Key Stage 2, which will enrich the understanding and love of music that children have. We also look forward to creating an opportunity for our Music4Schools students to perform for their peer group and parents.