Music Development Plan 2026-2027



The Department for Education has asked schools to publish a summary of their Music Development Plan on their website each academic year as part of their National Plan for Music Education (NPME).

The purpose of a Music Development Plan is to

- raise awareness of their music development plan
- promote the school music offer to parents and prospective parents
- give greater opportunity for schools and music hubs to work together

Key Information

Academic Year	2026-2027	**Publication Date**	September 2026	**Review Date**	September 2027
Music Lead	Jon Hood	**SLT Link to Music**	Mark Drury	**Local Music Hub**	Staffordshire

Core Requirements

The Department for Education's National Plan for Music Education is designed to run from 2022-2030 and sets the following core requirements for all schools:

1hr timetabled Music per week	✓	**Instrumental and Vocal Lessons**	✓	**Choirs & Ensembles**	✓
Performance Opportunities	✓	**Spaces for Practice**	✓	**Key Stage Three Singing Progression**	✓
Key Stage Three Listening Progression	✓	**Key Stage Three Composing Progression**	✓	**Key Stage Three Performing Progression**	✓
Opportunities in Bands	✓	**Opportunities in Orchestra**	✓	**Live Music Experience**	✓

Community Links

We interact with a wide range of local Music and Educational Organisations through each school year including:

- Lichfield Arts
- Lichfield Cathedral
- National Youth Orchestra
- MusicShare
- Entrust
- Lichfield Festival
- Lichfield City Council
- Staffordshire Music Hub

These connections support and enhance curriculum learning whilst also providing a wide range of performance opportunities for all abilities.

Curriculum Music

Focus	Success Criteria	Action	Resp	Resources	Deadline	Check	Evaluation / Impact
Curriculum Music CONTEXT Our school has a strong and vibrant Music curriculum that runs from 11-18 and it can be viewed here. All KS3 students have 1hour of Music teaching per week with a specialist Music teacher. The curriculum ranges from Africa Music to Hooks & Riffs, and Baroque Concerto to our Ukulele and Guitar Projects Our KS4 students can opt to take GCSE Music which is a mixture of academic study, composition and performance. Our Sixth Form students can opt to take A-Level Music as part of our Sixth Form Consortium arrangements.	The delivery of high-quality lessons for all cohorts so that observations, work scrutiny and student voice relay a positive and engaged picture. The delivery of strong outcomes in formal exams so that all students - whatever their context - can reach the next stage of their learning journey. The on-going development of our Music curriculum and provision so that students and staff make strong progress in their expertise, participation and enthusiasm.	Annual review of external exam results - with progress checks through the academic year to secure good progress for all current students.	JHD	None	Sept 2026 Half-Termly		
		Creation of Class Support Plans to ensure all FSM, SEND and LAC children have targeted support to facilitate curriculum learning.	JHD PBT	None	Sept 2026 On-Going		
		Correlate extra-curricular and experience dates with curriculum teaching so that the acquisition of skills is mapped with opportunity to perform.	JHD	None	Sept 2026 On-Going		
		Liaise with external Music partners - such as Lichfield Arts, Music Share and Entrust - to co-ordinate in school studies with community experiences.	JHD	None	Sept 2026 On-Going		
		Review possible music pathways (September 2028) given DfE change on AAQs	JHD HBT	None	Oct 2026 June 2027		
		Annual review of Music curriculum against the National Curriculum and national developments.	JHD	None	Sept 2026		
		Audit of music instruments and technical equipment to ensure all curricular provision can be effectively met.	JHD	Purchases of Instrumental / Equipment against Capitation	June 2027		
		Map out a Monitoring & Development (MAD) schedule for 2027-2028 to enable the development and implementation of Music provision.	JHD	None	June 2027		
		Notes The Music Department remains an integral part of our curriculum and a central pillar of school life. Our school has a lively and proud tradition in Music provision which is, in part, best viewed in the context of our broader commitment to art and the performing arts, evidenced through our Artsmark award.					

Extra-Curricular Music

Focus	Success Criteria	Action	Resp	Resources	Deadline	Check	Evaluation / Impact
Curriculum Music CONTEXT Our school offers a fulsome peripatetic provision to all students with financial support for Disadvantaged children so that access is available to all. Students are encouraged to take formal qualifications to stretch their skills; Eg - grades. Our extra-curricular Music programme is extensive and includes choices, orchestra, rock bands, and other forms of music making. Our school brings in external partners - such as MusicShare and Lichfield Arts - to facilitate learning beyond lessons. Elsewhere our school plays always include orchestral teams within the productions.	Wide engagement in our extended peripatetic lessons - across all student groups - so that standards develop and broaden in terms of expertise. Consistent and well attended extra-curricular activities - leading to performance opportunities - which engage with all student groups. Engagement with a range of internal and external providers to broaden the experience and skill-sets available to students to develop musically.	Scheduling and delivery of peripatetic individual / group lessons for all students.	JHD	Support for FSM / LAC students	Sept 2026		
		Arrangements of external music events - tied into rehearsal programmes - to support musical development and performance.	JHD PBT	None	Sept 2026 On-Going		
		Arrangement of Autumn Extra-Curricular programme for Music.	JHD	None	Sept 2026		
		Provision of daily music practice areas to support individual and group creativity and skills.	JHD PBT	None	Sept 2026		
		Creation of tracking and targeting process to monitor the uptake into wider Music activities for SEND, FSM and LAC students.	JHD PBT RBS	None	Sept 2026		
		Arrangement of Spring Extra-Curricular programme for Music.	JHD	None	Jan 2027		
		Arrangement of Summer Extra-Curricular programme for Music.	JHD	None	Apr 2027		
		Engagement with Friary School parents via PTFA in supporting / staffing provision	LHN	None	Sept 2026 On-Going		
		Notes The extra-curricular programme in Music is extensive, runs throughout the academic year, engages with all ages / abilities of students, and intrinsically links in opportunity to take skills forward into performance. During 2025-2026 and since, students have access to specialist tuition and personal practise and development in Singing, Piano & Keyboard, String, Woodwind, Guitar, Drums and Brass. All students have ready and supervised access to music rooms, a music studio, and music break-out rooms to practise and develop individually or in groups.					

Musical Experiences

Focus	Success Criteria	Action	Resp	Resources	Deadline	Check	Evaluation / Impact
Curriculum Music CONTEXT Our school has an exceptional programme of musical events / opportunities, including regular events; such as singing in assembly, musical performances, concerts and shows at the school, and trips to concerts outside of the school. This programme also engages with a range of external providers including Lichfield Cathedral, MusicShare, Lichfield Arts, Entrust and Staffordshire Music Hub. These activities have to be balanced with our in-school curriculum, other school events, whilst still tapping into community requests for one-off projects; such as local festivals, etc.	Maintain the fulsome musical programme with wide levels of engagement; with a particular focus on SEND, FSM and LAC students. Further extend the promotion of events in order to maximise the engagement of all students; not just those participating in the performance. Maintain the external links which provide further enrichment and opportunities for our students; for example, performance at community events, Lichfield Fuse Festival gigs, etc.	FSM / PP music tuition and funding arrangements shared with parents.	JHD ADN	Funding for discount in budget	Sept 2026		
		Creation of tracking and targeting process to monitor the uptake into wider Music activities for SEND, FSM and LAC students.	JHD RBS	None	Sept 2026		
		Flagging of Elite Performance Scheme - including Music - via website.	MDY	None	Sept 2026		
		Full choir and orchestra performance at Year 7 Dedication Service at Lichfield Cathedral.	JHD PBT MSN	Cost of Cathedral Hire	Oct 2026		
		Live orchestras and performance as part of Whole-School show 'Little Shop of Horrors'	JHD RHS PBT	Support Additions to Orchestra as required	Dec 2026		
		Full choir and orchestra performance at Christmas Carol Concert at Lichfield Cathedral.	JHD PBT	Cost of Cathedral Hire	Dec 2026		
		Bands and soloists performing at our 'Battle of the Bands' Night' - linked with Lichfield Arts and Lichfield Fuse Festival.	JHD PBT	None	Feb 2027		
		Bands and soloists performing at our 'Encore' Night - linked with Lichfield City Council.	RHS JHD PBT	None	Apr 2027		
		Live orchestras as part of Key Stage Three show (show name TBC pending acquiring performance rights)	JHD RHS PBT	Support Additions to Orchestra as required	June 2027		
		Bands and soloists performing at our 'Summer Sizzler' - linked with Lichfield Arts and Lichfield Fuse Festival.	JHD PBT	Stage & Related Items Hire our of Event Tickets	July 2027		
		Bands and soloists performing at Summer Community & Church festivals across our locale	JHD MDY	None	July 2027		
		Notes There are additional events which filter into our programme each school year depending on the needs and range of activities going on in our vibrant, local community.					