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# WESTFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL MUSIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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2023-24



# Music development plan summary:

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	23-24
Date this summary was published	June 24
Date this summary will be reviewed	June 25
Name of the school music lead	Lindsey Ollerton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Ruth Houghton
Name of local music hub	Wigan Music Services
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Charanga Music Scheme

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 Westfield Community School, we have reviewed the guidance from the Model Music Curriculum to refine and enhance our approach to the music education.

Our approach to the music curriculum ensures it is an enjoyable experience, taught each year through school for a minimum of 1 hour, using the Charanga Music Scheme.

Year 3 are taught drumming by Wigan Music Services, giving them the opportunity to learn new instruments whilst learning about traditions and genres. They showcase their progress with termly assemblies for their adults at home to attend.

The teaching of music is based on the units of work, which are progressive, and build on previous work and experiences. Each year group will explore how music is made, through a variety of tuned or untuned instruments.

The curriculum is designed with is strong emphasis on listening and appraising, as well as the opportunity to develop composing and performing skills.

The local authority provides lessons taught in small groups for children who have chosen to learn one, or a variety of instruments, such as a violin, guitar, or singing lessons. This is an addition to the normal music lesson, and usually takes place during normal lessons, from which children are withdrawn for the duration of the instrumental lesson.

Our curriculum is ambitious for all pupils, including those children with SEND. Curriculum designers and teachers have high expectations of what SEND pupils can achieve. Pupils' individual needs are considered, and adaptations are planned to ensure the success of all pupils in Music.

## **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.

At Westfield Community School, we are committed to providing a diverse and inclusive musical education that extends beyond the core curriculum.

### **After School Musical Theatre Club:**

- Our after school Musical Theatre club is open to KS2 pupils and runs on a Wednesday throughout the year. The club provides an opportunity for children to develop their vocal skills, performing skills, as well as building confidence to perform in front of an audience. The children perform in school assembly and perform an end of year show. Westfield work closely with other schools in the WOWs consortium (With Others We Succeed). Westfield have partnered with St John's Primary school, Pemberton where children get the opportunity to watch each other's performances, offering support and encouragement. This will continue next year.

### **Individual and Small Group Tuition**

- These sessions, provided by Wigan Music Services, are offered to pupils who wish to pursue music more intensely. We offer small group and individual tuition, allowing children to focus on a variety of instruments, with personalised instructions. This setting ensures that pupils receive the attention and guidance they need to progress at their own pace and achieve their musical goals.

## 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.

- Attending live performances exposes children to new crowds and environments, helping them develop a sense of belonging and build emotional intelligence. We have held whole school concert performances in our hall with Wigan Music Services, providing pupils with the opportunity to experience live music in a familiar setting.
- Westfield Community School have two local music outings a year. Year one experience Song Share at the DW stadium, where they join other schools from the area and sing together. The second one is the Wigan Gala concert, where year 4 learn 2 songs and learn about 2 different genres of music. The Gala consists of local schools all coming together to perform.
- Seasonal performances are another highlight of our music programme. Every year group has the opportunity to perform in an assembly for the parents to come to, that celebrates the time of year, along side the music they are learning as part of the curriculum. From the Nativity, to Easter, and Year 6 leaving assembly.

## In the future

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

At Westfield Community School, we are dedicated to continuously enhancing our music education provision to ensure that it meets the highest standards and provides enriching experiences for all our children.

Over the next year, we plan to implement several improvements to further develop our children's musical abilities and appreciation.

- **Continue to introduce a range of new instruments.**  
Starting from the next academic year, we will gradually introduce new instruments from a wider range of instrument families. This will be accompanied by appropriate training for teachers. Learning new instruments will broaden children's musical experience and skills, fostering a greater appreciation for music.
- **Introducing more music after school clubs.**  
A Samba drumming club will be offered to year 4 to give them an opportunity to continue with prior learning. It will give them an opportunity to develop music skills, work as part of a team, and give them the opportunity to perform.

- As well as the above we will continue to develop planning that suits the needs of our pupils, using pupil voice, lesson observations, staff feedback and termly planning.
- We will continue to offer extra-curricular activities through a range of opportunities as invited by Wigan Music Service.
- We will continue to invest in music, to offer a wider range of opportunities and instruments as already stated above.
- We will continue to invite in professional musicians or past pupils who work or study in the arts to help showcase pathway within music at Westfield.