



DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2006-2027
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Scholes
Name of local music hub	Oldham Music Service

MUSIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN	
Overall objective	At Fir Bank, our music curriculum intends to inspire creativity, self-expression and encourages our children on their musical journeys, as well as giving them opportunities to connect with others. We endeavour to promote a lifelong love of music by facilitating their musical experiences and igniting their passion for music. We strive to make music lessons fun and inspiring, engaging the children with songs, lyrics and movement. Through musical experiences, we provide the opportunity for children to develop as a whole, to nurture their sense of self and explore their own abilities. Through a range of whole class, group and individual activities children 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.
Key Components	The music curriculum ensures children sing, listen, play perform and evaluate. This is embedded in the classroom through a weekly structured music programme Charanga as well as weekly singing assemblies, various concerts and performances, clubs and teaching from specialist teachers. Consideration is given to how greater depth will be taught, learnt and demonstrated within each lesson, as well as how learners will be supported in line with the school's commitment to inclusion. <u>Classroom instrumental teaching</u> Children benefit from an external music teacher visiting school weekly, offering whole class woodwind teaching for all children in Year 4. Throughout their primary musical journey, children will learn how to play the Glockenspiels and other various percussion instruments within our music scheme. Playing various instruments enables children to use a range of methods to create notes, as well as how to read basic musical notation. <u>Small group instrumental teaching</u> Children also benefit from small groups tuition led by an external music teacher who visits school once a week. Children can choose from a variety of woodwind instruments including clarinets, flute and saxophone or learn how to play the guitar. Children are encouraged to practice their instrument at home and then bring their instrument to

	school each week. Instruments are loaned to the children from Oldham Music Centre. <u>Music CPD</u> The Music Leader has many CPD opportunities and is able to use staff meeting time to offer teaching staff further CPD. <u>Performance opportunities</u> Our children have lots of opportunities to perform in front of a live audience. These include a Christmas Musical Afternoon and an Easter and Summer Musical Performance. Classes sing a song during their termly class assembly and all children take part in weekly singing sessions during assembly. Children are provided with opportunities to meet children from other schools in Oldham at an annual event run by the Oldham Music Service. The whole school takes part in an annual national singing day challenge. <u>Links with External Organisations</u> We have links with Oldham Music Service who offer whole class and small group teaching to support with our musical offer throughout school.
Communication	We inform parents of musical opportunities through the weekly Fir Bank Flyer.
Budget, materials and staffing	We have one music leader who is offered time to focus on music in our school. We will continue to use Charanga to provide teachers with continuous professional development.

KEY AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT			
Area	Action	Date to be completed	Evaluation
Curriculum Development	Successfully implement the Kapow Music Scheme across all year groups, ensuring progression in musical knowledge, vocabulary and skills. Provide staff training and monitoring to ensure consistency and high-quality delivery	July 2027	
Instrumental/ vocal teaching	Maintain and further develop specialist instrumental and vocal teaching through Oldham Music Service, increasing opportunities for pupils to learn and perform on a range of instruments	July 2027	

Performance	Continue to provide a wide range of performance opportunities throughout the year, including Christmas, Easter and Summer musical productions, class assemblies and concerts. Increase opportunities for pupils to perform to audiences beyond the school community.	July 2027	
Inclusion and participation	Increase participation in extra-curricular music activities for disadvantaged pupils and those with SEND, including targeted invitations, financial support where appropriate and the continued development of inclusive groups such as Sing and Sign.	July 2027	
External Opportunities	Develop stronger links with external organisations and the Oldham Music Service to provide pupils with opportunities to perform, collaborate and learn alongside pupils from other schools	July 2027	
Musical Enrichment	Introduce additional musical experiences through workshops, visiting musicians, live performances and music-themed enrichment days to broaden pupils' cultural capital and understanding of different musical traditions.	Sept 26- July 27	