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Music development plan summary: Cadishead Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Nicky Heggs
Name of local music hub	Music and Performing Arts Salford (MAPAS)

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-curricular music 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 Cadishead, the teaching of music is focused on meeting the key knowledge and skills in performing, composing (including notation) and appraising. Our school music curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021).

Pupils receive a broad and balanced curriculum in which sufficient time is provided to teach music and to provide for progression in knowledge, skills and understanding. Each year group allocates at least one hour per week to the teaching of music. This is made up of whole class music lesson following the Charanga music scheme and singing opportunities provided during key stage assemblies.

Pupils are provided with the opportunity to learn to sing and play instruments during lesson times. Children across all key stages have regular opportunities to play a variety of percussion instruments. In addition, children in Year 3 receive whole class instrument tuition.

For further information about how music is taught at Cadishead, see our Music Policy.

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.

At Cadishead, pupils across all key stages are given the opportunity to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, therefore allowing pupils to make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

In Key Stage Two, we offer pupils the opportunity to join a choir and to receive piano, singing and drumming tuition. Choir is led by Mrs Whittaker and is open to all children in Key Stage Two. Choir rehearses on a weekly basis throughout the year and is free of charge.

Drumming tuition is taught by a specialist music teacher and is open to all pupils in Key Stage 2. Pupils receive group tuition on a weekly basis throughout the year and end the year with a performance for children, staff and parents.

Singing and piano lessons are offered to all children in Key Stage 2 by a specialist music teacher. Individual and group sessions are delivered on a weekly basis throughout the year. Parents are invited into our music room to see the children perform in the Summer Term.

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.

Pupils at Cadishead are provided with many musical experiences, allowing them to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians.
For the academic year 2025-2026, all pupils watched a musical pantomime. Key Stage 1 children went to watch a musical Christmas performance at the Octagon in Bolton.

Throughout the year, all pupils are given opportunities to perform, for example; singing in key stage assemblies, an annual class assembly and regular opportunities to perform with instruments during weekly music lessons.

Our Choir perform at regular opportunities throughout the year. They perform for the rest of the school during assemblies. From mid-Autumn term, children begin rehearsing for the Young Voices concert where they perform in a large choir for parents and families. During academic year 2025-2026 they also preformed at the City of Salford stadium as part of a larger choir to mark 100 years of Salford being a city.

Pupils in Year 3, who receive whole class instrument tuition, also perform for their parents in their class assembly.

In the future

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

In the future, Cadishead aims to continue to deliver high-quality music education to all pupils.

In the next academic year, we look to improve space for rehearsals and individual practice, for example; providing a space at break or lunch times where children learning to play their instruments or choir members can go to rehearse.

Further information

Find out more information about Music and Performing Arts Salford by clicking the following link: https://sclmapas.co.uk/homepage?v=1717755214818