



Music Development Plan

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Helen Lewis
Name of local Music Hub	Essex Music Education Hub

Overview

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

Our Music Curriculum is set out in detail on our website - [Parents - Messing Primary School](#). We allocate an hour a week to the teaching of music, either through direct class lessons, singing or music appreciation.

We use SingUp as a teaching resource for Music, and many of our topics also develop children's understanding of Music through cross-curricular teaching.

In KS2, through our links with Essex Music Education Hub, children have the opportunity, as part of their whole class, to learn an instrument over a block of ten weeks. Children in previous years have learned to play recorder and the ukulele and we have whole class sets of these instruments for children to use. Our music lead attends the primary music network meetings and for several years we have been awarded the Music Mark.

Singing is a priority at Messing. An emphasis is put on singing for enjoyment and promoting the use of singing to enhance and promote good mental health. Singing occurs in the majority of music lessons and it is also a fundamental part of our assemblies and children can demonstrate their love of music at singing assembly each week. The children regularly hear adults sing for pleasure, in class, music lessons and assemblies. In our Harvest, Christmas and end of year productions children often have the opportunity to sing solos or in a small group.

Part B: Extra Curricular Music

We provide a number of opportunities for children to sing and play music outside of lesson time. These include our School Choir, which has recently sung at a number of events such as Young Voices at O2 London and New Hall School's Musical Extravaganza. Choir is run as a lunchtime club throughout the year. For pupils who love to sing but don't necessarily want to take part in competitions, we have a Sing and Sign Club and for those who prefer to play an instrument, we try to offer lunchtime clubs that change on a termly basis. These have previously included glockenspiels, drumming and recorders. A number of our pupils have 1:1

music lessons in school, learning to play the piano, flute or developing their singing skills. Whilst these lessons are paid for by parents and carers, subsidies or support with payments can be offered in a number of circumstances; please see the Headteacher for further information.

Part C: Musical Experiences

Children at Messing love the opportunity to perform and we try to make the most of every opportunity! We enjoy a weekly singing assembly, as well as singing to parents as part of school events and in the local church during services such as Christingle and Harvest Festival. Annual performances include our EYFS / KS1 Christmas Nativity and our KS2 Performance at the end of the Summer Term. Both annual performances are free to parents, carers and family members. Where possible and space allowing, we also aim to open this to the local community. We hold our carols for the community event in the school hall during which, our children enjoy singing Christmas songs with visitors from some of the local care homes

Every year the children in KS2 are able to participate in Young Voices at the O2 in London. This is an incredible opportunity for them to perform with thousands of other children in the largest children's choir. They perform to an audience of thousands alongside famous singers, musicians and performers.

We have joined with New Hall to take part in their musical extravaganza. Again this allows children to perform in a different place in front of a large audience. In some practise sessions they are taught by specialist music teachers from New Hall school.

Finally, as every year, we are looking forward to our visit from the travelling panto show!

What's Next?

Over this year and next, we will be embedding our new scheme and reviewing it's impact on teaching and learning, making sure that our music provision ensures all children are making good progress. We will be further developing our assessment processes in music using resources from the Sing Up music scheme.

Links

If you would like more information on 1:1 music tuition for your child, please apply through Essex Music Services - [Learn-It! - Essex Music Service](#)

Their guide to music lessons - [A Parent's Guide to Music Provision \(essexmusicservice.org.uk\)](#)

Their guide to music provision in schools - [A Parent's Guide to Music Provision
\(essexmusicservice.org.uk\)](https://essexmusicservice.org.uk)