

# Music development plan summary: Waterville Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Claire Logan
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	NTMEH
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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 Waterville, we use an online platform called Sparkyard to support the teaching of Music. Sparkyard's curriculum is informed by the National Curriculum and the Model Music Curriculum. In addition to Sparkyard lessons, children listen to musical pieces from a wide range of cultures and traditions that truly reflect our community.

Children have a discrete music lesson of one hour per fortnight and participate in two 30 minute assemblies a week where singing is the focus.

Our Music curriculum and progression documents can be found on our website:

<https://www.watervilleprimary.org.uk/music>

We work very closely with our local music hub – North Tyneside Music Education Hub. They support whole class music tuition (recorders, chime bars, ukulele) across school as well as providing opportunities outside of the classroom.

## 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 Waterville, we have a peripatetic drumming teacher who delivers small group lessons on a weekly basis in our dedicated music room. Drumming lessons are very popular with our KS2 children and the cost of lessons is heavily subsidised by school.

Children also have the opportunity to join our choir. Choir meets once a week and is led by school staff (with support from the NTMEH). Children who are confident singers are signposted to join the North Tyneside School Choir which meets on a Saturday morning. There is no cost for being a choir member and any performance tickets are again heavily subsidised meaning as many parents as possible can attend.

Our free Breakfast Club – open to children from Nursery to Y6 – enjoys singing every morning. Staff lead small singing groups using Sparkyard.

## 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.

Every day, children in our Breakfast Club sing together. They choose songs from our wider curriculum to practise together. Twice a week, the whole school meet for assemblies which have a singing focus. Staff are supported by children (who are confident musicians) to lead these assemblies.

Each term, classes perform a song they have learned for the rest of the school. This could be a song linked to a different curriculum subject or a pop song they particularly like. Our upper KS2 classes, create their own music videos for different genres of music.

Christmas time is very special at Waterville. Every other year, we perform a Christmas show full of singing, dancing and acting where every single child from Y1 to Y6 has a part to play. Parents pay only £1 per ticket meaning we have a full hall for all three performances. Children in our EYFS also take part in their own nativity play. The years between our performances are packed full with Christmas activities that parents can be involved with. Every evening in the last week before the Christmas break, the whole school comes together with parents to sing songs in the school playground.

Our Y6 children write, produce and perform a Leaver's Assembly every year. This showcases their many talents from playing musical instruments, singing and composing their own songs.

We also go out in to the community and sing. Our choir has visited local residential homes and shopping centres.

The NTMEH offers a wide range of opportunities to perform outside of school. We regularly take part in the 'Spring Sing' at Whitley Bay Playhouse as well as participating in the Samba Parade. Tickets for the 'Spring Sing' are quite expensive so school subsidises the cost for parents. We attend special performances organised by the NTMEH on an annual basis. Our Y6 children visited Newcastle Cathedral to hear a concert by the Coldstream Guards.

We work closely with our local high schools and regularly attend performances there as well as inviting Rock School and the East Coast Swing Band in to perform in our school hall.

## **In the future**

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

In the future, we intend to introduce more peripatetic music lessons, namely for guitar and keyboard. We will be accessing support from NTMEH for our choir so we can perform more complex songs (harmonies, etc).

## **Further information (optional)**

If you would like any further information about NTMEH, please follow this link:

<https://ntmeh.org.uk/>