



Manston St James C of E Primary Academy **Policies & Procedures**

Music Development Plan

Music Development Plan Summary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	3 rd March 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	
Name of the school music lead	Hephzibah Burton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	n/a
Name of local music hub	ArtForms
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Roundhay Music Service

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

Music at Manston St James is primarily delivered by ArtForms teachers. Years 1-4 have **Curriculum Music Lessons** delivered by a music specialist. The lessons involve *singing, playing musical instruments, listening to music and composing*, empowering children to increase their skills, confidence and resilience. Year 5 receive dhol drumming lessons throughout the year where they can progress on the instrument and work as a team. They culminate their learning with an end of year performance in July. Reception and Year 6 are taught music using Charanga by class teachers. Charanga lessons are planned and sequenced to give clear progression. It gives pupils the chance to practise, revisit and deepen their understanding in the key areas. Year 6 access the following areas: *Appraise and Listen, Singing and Playing, Composition and Improvisation, and Notation*. EYFS areas are *Hearing and Listening, Vocalising and Singing, Moving and Dancing, Exploring and Playing*. Singing forms the foundation of the lessons as well as the

opportunity to appraise music using the interrelated dimensions. Lessons are inclusive, where all learners can access the music curriculum.

As part of our curriculum music package with ArtForms, we also have an SEND small music group. This helps children to communicate with each other through music, work as a team and be expressive.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Manston St James offer music tuition from Roundhay Music Service for Years 1-6. They deliver instrumental lessons in small groups including drums, ukulele, guitar and recorder.

There is a school choir which takes place after school. Pupils are given the opportunity to perform at school events such as the Christmas fair.

Manston St James takes part in *Young Voices* where pupils learn and rehearse a number of songs, culminating in a huge performance in Sheffield/Manchester with other schools across the country.

We have taken a small group of Year 6 pupils to Leeds Arena to form part of a large scale choir.

KS2 have the opportunity to be part of a school musical where rehearsals take place from January with a performance in summer term. Pupils are auditioned and have the chance to sing, dance, act, stage manage etc.

Part C: Musical experiences

As a church school, singing is a huge part of our school life. We have a singing worship every week and we sing within our daily worship.

Music of the Week was established to provide high-quality music listening and appraising each week. The whole school listens to the same piece each week and discusses the music.

We have taken children to singing workshops with ArtForms including the Christmas SEND singalong.

In the future

In the future, we aim to increase the whole class instrumental tuition in school. We would like to include lower KS2 as suggested by the *model music curriculum*.

We also plan to offer some live music experiences so that all children are exposed to high quality music performances. ArtForms offer live music as part of their music provision in schools. The programme 'provides an opportunity for pupils to hear and interact with live musicians. The musicians are highly skilled performers who enhance the learning and understanding of their audience across several areas of the National Curriculum.'