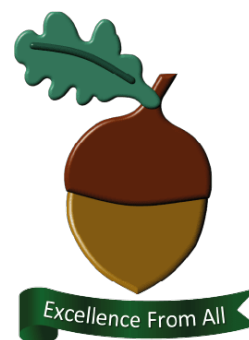


# Music development plan summary:

## Cliffe Woods Primary School



### Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	March 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Susanna Greening
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Sarah Robins
Name of local music hub	Kent Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music for Schools Dynamics Peripatetic teachers

At Cliffe Woods Primary School, we believe that Music education has a profoundly positive impact on all children's development in various ways; fostering growth in cognitive development, social skills, emotional development, creativity, cultural awareness, motor skills, discipline and perseverance. We are a school where music thrives and musicians flourish. Pupil voice is taken into consideration when planning performances and the delivery of the music curriculum. Overall, music education plays a vital role in the personal development of all our children; nurturing well-rounded individuals, empowering children with skills and experiences that benefit them throughout their lives.

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.

## Curriculum music

At Cliffe Woods, we envision a vibrant musical landscape where children are immersed in diverse musical experiences that span **listening, singing, performing, evaluating,** and **composing** across various historical periods, cultural traditions, and musical genres. Our goal is to cultivate a deep love and appreciation for music from EYFS to Year 6, fostering creativity, musical ability and a broad appreciation for different musical styles.

We are dedicated to nurturing an understanding of the cultural and historical significance of music, ensuring that every child develops a lifelong appreciation for its impact on our world. Music is an integral part of our curriculum, timetabled weekly to provide consistent accessible and enriching experiences for all students, developing musical knowledge and understanding, producing competent and talented musicians.

Weekly music lessons are taught through our specifically planned school music curriculum, largely supported by the Sing Up Music Curriculum. Skills are mapped progressively across Key Stages as guided by the National Curriculum. Whole class instrumental lessons enhance the curriculum in Year 3 and 4 and singing and performance skills are taught specifically in whole school Singing Assembly. The curriculum for Year 6 anticipates the transition of the pupils into KS3.

Teachers assess pupils' development at planned points throughout the year. There are opportunities for self and peer assessment planned into the curriculum.

Our school has a wide range of untuned instruments and glockenspiels within school that are incorporated into the curriculum planning.

There is a planned budget for music each year which supports the delivery of the music curriculum.

All our staff are kept informed about updates to teaching the music curriculum and are given opportunities to attend Music CPD every year. Our Music Lead takes part in wider schools and Music hub meetings to support music provision within school.

For more information about our music curriculum and how it is adapted to meet the needs of every child, please visit our website: [Cliffe Woods Music Curriculum](#)

## Co-curricular music

At Cliffe Woods, children have opportunities to take part in extra-curricular choirs and musical ensembles including Key Stage One choir, Young Voices Choir, the Woodville Halls choir, recorder club and drumming club, taught by competent musicians from the school staff.

Whole class instrumental lessons taught by a Licensed Music Teacher, funded by Kent Music, enhance the curriculum in Year 3 and 4

30 students are able to attend a live orchestral concert in July each summer.

Individual and group music lessons are available at cost for flute, cornet, recorder, clarinet, drums, keyboard, voice and piano, through external providers including Music for Schools and PianoFunClub. Some complimentary piano lessons are available for pupil premium students.

Music professionals visit the school and lead assemblies.

We signpost opportunities for inclusion through bursaries available for 1-1 tuition outside of school.

## Musical experiences

At Cliffe Woods Primary School, children are offered a wealth of diverse musical experiences that enrich their education and personal growth. These include:

- Opportunities for all children to sing and perform in large groups, such as Cathedral services, Woodville Halls choir, Chatham Central Theatre choir, ukulele performances, and O2 Young Voices. These experiences foster teamwork, confidence, and public performance skills.
- Whole school events like pantomimes and visits from professional musicians, which provide cultural exposure and inspiration.
- Weekly singing assemblies where all pupils sing together, promoting unity and a sense of community. There are also opportunities here for children to perform to their peers.

- Class assemblies where children perform for their peers and parents/carers, enhancing their presentation and performance abilities.
- School productions, including School Choir performances and year group productions, that develop creativity, discipline and collaboration.
- Opportunities to visit the Royal Ballet & Opera as part of the RBO Cultural Champions program, broadening their cultural horizons and appreciation for the arts.
- Frequent communication with parents/carers about musical opportunities available on weekends and during school holidays, encouraging continued engagement and development of young musicians outside the classroom.

## In the future

### 1. **Establish Additional Instrument Ensemble Clubs:**

- Organise and launch new instrument ensemble clubs run by teachers to enhance students' musical skills and engagement.

### 2. **Strengthen Partnership with Kent Music:**

- Develop and maintain a strong relationship with Kent Music to continue the excellent musical provision previously offered by Medway Musical Association (MMA).

### 3. **Expand RBO Cultural Champions Program:**

- Further develop the RBO Cultural Champions initiative, providing exciting new opportunities for students to experience and appreciate the arts.

### 4. **Enhance Singing Program with a New Coach:**

- Continue and expand our partnership with a singing coach to encourage more children to use their voices as instruments, fostering vocal development and confidence.

These targets will guide our efforts to enrich the musical experiences, knowledge and personal development of our students at Cliffe Woods Primary School in the future.

