



Music Development Policy

Music development plan summary: Woodlands Academy

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences. The music curriculum should include;

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 – 26
Date this summary was published	9 th September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	9 th September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Ryan Green
Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire Music Education Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	SoundLincs

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.



The music curriculum, and relevant documents, are available on our website. This includes the policy, pathway and long term plan. We ensure access for all pupils. For more, see the school information guidance on curriculum and on SEND for [maintained schools](#) and for [academies and free schools](#).

Our music curriculum is taught via SoundLincs, who teach all of our key stage three classes. Each class will receive two terms of music, equating to around 14 lessons per year.

Pupils will have additional opportunities to learn to sing or play an instrument through enrichment on a Friday afternoon. If access, this will provide an additional 39 music lessons, meaning our pupils have access to 53 music sessions per year. The school plan to offer a Musical Theatre option as part of the key stage four options in the near future to combine the key stage three music and drama lessons into a key stage four pathway.

We use music through the drama scheme of works, which adds tone and expression to our drama pieces as well as discussing different genres and effect music can have on performance.

Part B: Extra curricular music

Our pupils have multiple opportunities throughout the academic year alongside the enrichment offer. Alongside our lessons and enrichment offer we provide;

- Access to a range of musical instruments via SoundLincs or our own musical resources.
- The opportunity to be a part of a school band or choir.
- Space for rehearsals if required.
- Three performances by pupils each year at the end of each big term including Christmas, Easter and end of year performances.
- Every pupil will have the opportunity to watch a professional performance via a pantomime each year in December.
- Additional one to one sessions, as required, via SoundLincs or school staff.
- Recommendations to service providers outside of school.
- Music will be explored during tutor times and assemblies.

Part C: Musical experiences

The school organises musical events and opportunities, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts. The school will offer the following opportunities outside of school.

- Every pupil will have the opportunity to watch a professional performance via a pantomime each year in December.
- Recommendations to service providers outside of school.

The school works closely with the Lincolnshire Education Music Hub who recommend further resources and information for the Music curriculum.



In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years. Woodlands believe all pupils should have access to a creative art with the opportunity to progress any future opportunities where possible. The school plan to offer a Musical Theatre option as part of the key stage four options soon to combine the key stage three music and drama lessons into a key stage four pathway.

The school also plan to identify any pupils who are gifted and talented within the creative arts a bespoke pathway, including recommendations of outside agencies. Where possible, the school will aim to fund/subsidise any further music provision for pupils where possible.

Policy Review

Woodlands Academy considers the Music Development Plan to be important and the policy will be reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team every year.