



Garston

Church of England
Primary School

Music Development Plan Summary

Garston C of E Primary School

Vision

At Garston Primary School, music is an essential part of a broad and balanced curriculum and plays a key role in supporting pupils' personal, social, and cultural development. In line with the National Plan for Music Education, we are committed to providing all children with access to a high-quality music education that enables them to perform, listen to, review, and evaluate music, as well as to learn to sing and use musical instruments. Our music curriculum offers opportunities to explore a wide range of genres, styles, and historical periods, while developing children's musical skills, knowledge, and understanding. Through this provision, pupils are encouraged to recognise the value of music within the wider community and to participate confidently in musical activities in a variety of contexts. As part of the Rainbow Education Mult academy Trust, we apply our values, Excellence, Endurance, Friendship, Wisdom and Trust, to all our musical endeavours.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	July 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Jane Mimmagh
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Emma Flynn
Name of local music hub	Resonate
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

Part A: Curriculum music

Music is taught weekly in all classes and is delivered in line with the National Curriculum, drawing upon the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021). Progress is secured through a carefully sequenced approach that develops pupils' technical, constructive, and expressive musical understanding over time. Music lessons are taught for a minimum of 30 minutes per week in Key Stage 1 and 40 minutes per week in Key Stage 2.

Teaching is delivered by the Trust Music Specialist alongside class teachers and is supported through specialist planning and the *Sing Up* scheme of work.

Musical learning is further enhanced through weekly singing assemblies in each key stage, lasting between 15 and 20 minutes. Singing is embedded within the life of the school from the Early Years and is an integral part of assemblies, collective worship, and wider school events. Opportunities for singing are also incorporated into Forest School sessions, enabling pupils to engage with music creatively in an outdoor and cross-curricular context. Staff confidence in teaching and supporting singing continues to develop through ongoing professional development and access to high-quality, age-appropriate repertoire. Pupils also participate in singing events organised by local music hubs.

All pupils, including those with SEND, are fully included in music education and are supported to participate and make progress through adaptive teaching strategies and the use of adapted instruments where appropriate.

Throughout their primary school journey, pupils learn to play glockenspiels and a range of untuned and tuned percussion instruments as part of the music curriculum. Through performing, composing, and the use of music technology, pupils develop an understanding of different ways to create music, alongside learning to read basic music notation and tablature. In Year 3, pupils learn to play the recorder, further embedding their understanding of staff notation. From Year 5, pupils are introduced to tablature through learning to play the ukulele.

Additional opportunities for instrumental learning and ensemble performance are provided through partnerships with external providers, including Rocksteady Music School, enabling pupils to develop confidence, teamwork, and performance skills through contemporary band-based music.

Part B: Co-curricular music

At Garston Primary school pupils are invited to join the choir who regularly perform at many events in the local community especially during the Christmas period. Small groups can develop their musicianship in singing. The school has a musical theatre group that perform every year. The school also runs a weekly performing arts club in which music and singing plays a huge part. The school puts on a musical each year.

Part C: Musical experiences

Singing is a prominent part of school life. All pupils sing during school and class worships. Across the year, every class leads an assembly in school and in church

where a hymn or song is performed. At various points, there is a school “Musical Extravaganza” where each class performs a song. Other school performances across the year include Nativities led by Ks1 and EYFS and a musical from KS2. At Garston primary school we have a dedicated space for performing music.

Pupils experience listening to a variety of live music. They attend concerts at the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. KS2 pupils have attended Resonate iSing events benefiting from their participation in a large-scale event. Visiting theatre groups perform and sing for KS1 and KS2. Rock Kidz motivate pupils using music to help children focus on aspirations and their goals. ISINGPOP using music and song for pupils to find the answer to big questions through the guidance of the Christian faith. At Christmas all pupils attend a live pantomime, experiencing yet another genre of music.

In the future

During the next school year our music development plan aims to achieve the following:

- embedding the *Sing Up* music scheme that ensures consistency and progression from EYFS
- continue to enhance and develop the singing by further CPD for staff, ensuring a range of age-appropriate repertoire available.
- continue to develop links with the Music hub
- introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.
- further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school
- continue to enrich the pupils experience of live music and performing by taking part in large scale events such as at the Philharmonic Hall and iSing/ Young Voices
- develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.