Music development plan summary: The Dales School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Curriculum Lead for My Creativity- Donna Roe
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Whole School Curriculum Lead- Sharon Kettleborough
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Jessie's Fund/Music for Life/Live Music Now

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, music enrichment and musical experiences – and what we are developing this academic year. This information is to help stakeholders understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Music in the Pre and Semi Formal Curriculum

This is about how music is taught across school and all phases

Across all phases of school music is timetabled and delivered both discretely and cross-curricular. At the Dales School we recognise that music is an integral part of the school's routines and supports pupil wellbeing, it is an essential teaching strategy for all pupils and implemented daily.

Details of the EYFS, Pre and Semi Formal and 6th Form curriculum models are detailed on the website with accompanying vision/ethos, implementation statements and long term plans. Music is planned and delivered within EYFS Expressive Arts and Design, Primary/Secondary My Creativity and 6th Form Creative and Cultural.

School uses the following music schemes to support planning and implementation: Sounds of Intent; Holistic Music for Children; Jessie's Fund Resources.

Examples of cross-curricular planning and delivery include:

My Communication/My Cognition: auditory location, discrimination and early phonic development, Total communication and the use of music cues for key daily routines

[detailed in My Communication curriculum statements on website], rhyme and song to support learning and engagement.

My Physical/My Care & Independence: TACPAC body awareness/communication through touch and music Home - Tacpac TACPAC; massage and story massage; dance and music sessions supported by We Can Dance charity; dough disco to support fine motor skills.

School has worked closely with the charity Jessie's Fund to support staff training and develop music provision across school. Jessie's Fund (jessiesfund.org.uk)

Part B: Music Enrichment

This is about opportunities for pupils to access music beyond the curriculum

At the Dales School we offer termly curriculum enrichment opportunities organised and implemented by our staff Suitcase for Life [S4L] teams- we believe that enrichment and enhanced experiences support our pupils' holistic development and supports them to fill their 'suitcase to take through life'.

Music and My Creativity is supported by the STEAM S4L team. Examples of enrichment activities include: Jessie's Fund Project- music making; family/carer event Christingle and carols at our local Church; School council events, end of term sensory disco and Children in Need fund raising disco.

Part C: Musical Experiences

This is about musical opportunities that we organise across the year.

School works closely with local and national charities to organise live musical performances across the year. Key partners have been Music for Life/Sowerby Music and Live Music Now.

In the future

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

Academic year 2025-2026 My Creativity/Music initiatives and development linked to the school development plan SDP:

- Music Curriculum/Enrichment Parts A&B: Jessie's Fund Music Project and Music Champions [S4L]- continuing to develop quality music provision, raising the profile of music and sustainability of provision.
- Music Experience Part C: Live music Now/Music for Life- Engaging with national and local charities to organise live musical performances for pupils in school.
- Music Experience Part C: Theatre Company Performance- multi sensory.