Music development plan summary: St Gabriel's RC Primary, Rochdale

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	Monday 28th September, 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	Friday 15th July, 2027
Name of the school music lead	Richard Golding
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Rochdale
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

At St Gabriel's, our Teaching. Learning and Assessment - Intent, Implementation and Impact – Music document details all details of how we deliver our music curriculum including how we make provision for pupils with SEND and disabilities.

Our curriculum long term plan details the school curriculum for music for each year group. The long term plan sits above a detailed progression map which is informed by the National Curriculum, the model music curriculum (March 2021) and the National Plan for Music Education. Children are taught music in half hour to hour blocks each half term. This provides ample opportunity to cover the full range of skills as described in the school's progression map.

All children have the opportunity to sing within music and across the curriculum.

The school music lead also works in partnership with Rochdale Music Service. This includes attending a range of CPD opportunities. This partnership also opens doors to performance opportunities such as the 'Create and Sing' Opera project at Rochdale Curtain Theatre.

Part B: Extra-curricular Music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

All children have the opportunity to take part in extra-curricular enrichment via the KS2 school choir or Little Bookworms. These groups rehearse at various times throughout the year, working towards key performance opportunities. The choirs are provided free of charge. 'Little Bookworms' provides its opportunities for a small fee.

The school signposts pupils to out of school hours music tuition at Rochdale Music Service. For example, we share the most up-to-date flyers at parents' evenings, sometimes inviting staff from RMS to come in and speak to parents at these events. Private lessons are also taken up across the school.

Part C: Musical Experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

A wealth of opportunities are provided each year to allow children to perform. Such opportunities include the following:

- Termly small group performances from EYFS/ KS1 children with 'Little Bookworms'.
- KS1 & EYFS Nativity Performances.
- Year 3 Wider Faiths Assembly
- Year 4 Easter Passion Play
- Mothers' Day Liturgy
- Rochdale Music Festival
- Year 6 performance within Remembrance Day Assembly
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

- KS2 Singing Performance Assemblies.
- KS2 choir performances for the following:
    - Parents
    - Local Community Christmas Light Switch On
    - Carders Court Care Home Christmas Carols
    - Carols around the Tree
- All pupils: St Gabriel's Got Talent
- Gabrielbury: Whole School Performance Festival

In the future

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

This year, we are in the process of embedding the Kapow Music across the school. This has involved an update to music progression documentation and all levels of planning.

Further Information

Link to Rochdale Music Service.

DfE guide for parents and young people on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.