

Music development plan summary: KINGS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
Date this summary was published	August 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Anne Kaemena
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Greater Manchester Music Hub (GMMH)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Trafford Music Service (TMS)

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 Kings Road, music is taught for 45 minutes at KS1 and KS2. This takes place weekly.

During these sessions, from Years 1-6, our children are taught through the Sparkyard scheme.

EYFS use the Trafford Music Service (TMS) EYFS resources to plan their music sessions. This leads into the Sparkyard scheme which is informed by the Model Music Curriculum.

In addition to this, the children develop their skills by listening to 5 minutes of music a day and singing for 5 minutes each day. This means that each week, children are exposed to music for well over one hour.

Year 4 children are taught ukulele once a week throughout the year.

Year 6 children are taught keyboard skills once a week across Autumn and Spring terms.

These sessions are financed by the school.

Kings Road has gained the Music Mark Award.

Part B: Co-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.

From Y1-6, the children have access to individual/small group instrument lessons. These are taught by peripatetic teachers who visit the school each week. The instruments on offer are clarinet, flute, recorder, guitar, ukulele, violin, cello, piano.

The children have the opportunity to take music exams as they make progress with their instrument. Guitar and ukulele players are put forward for the RSL Awards graded music exams. Woodwind and string instruments players are put forward for ARBSM graded music exams.

These sessions are financed by parents/carers. Children who cannot access individual lessons due to financial barriers/particular circumstances can be offered support with funding from the school.

The peripatetic teachers come into school at the start of an academic year to showcase their instruments in a performance for the children. Following this, a whole school message is sent to parents, giving them information about individual instrument sessions and contact details of the peripatetic teachers.

The children who learn instruments have the opportunity to join the school orchestra. This is held once a week, after school. It is run by one of the peripatetic teachers and a professional musician who is also a parent of a child at Kings Road, both of whom give their time voluntarily. This means that there is no extra cost above the payment for the instrument lessons.

Instruments can be hired from the school, as we are building up a range of instruments to loan. Parents can also contact TMS to hire instruments.

Children who learn a musical instrument also have the opportunity to join regional ensembles.

Space for playing sessions in school for those children who have barriers to practising at home can be facilitated as required.

At Kings Road, we offer the experience of choir singing during Autumn and Summer terms. These sessions lead to performances within school and outside school; we have performed at Trafford Town Hall and at a local older people's residential home.

The choir is free to access for children in Years 3-6. Everyone is welcome.

Parents are made aware of the opportunity for their child to join choir through our whole school messaging system.

Kings Road are close partners with TMS and the Greater Manchester Music Hub (GMMH). During the 2023-4 academic year, TMS and Kings Road worked together to deliver the Singing Pilot Project. This has been built upon in 2024-5.

The Subject Lead is well supported by TMS, attending termly meetings/workshops and meeting with the TMS Lead, Ruth O'Keefe, to discuss the best ways to keep music developing in 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.

The children at Kings Road are given opportunities to experience live music- both as performer and as part of an audience.

	Performing opportunities	Audience experiences	Financial
EYFS	Class assemblies- performing a song to parents and children Nursery Rhyme Festival alongside other schools. Held at local primary school.	Class assemblies- being part of the audience Ukulele concert Keyboard concert Year 3 Nativity	Free
Year 1	Class assemblies- performing a song to parents and children	Class assemblies- being part of the audience Peripatetic teachers showcasing their instruments Ukulele concert	Free

Year 6	Class assemblies- performing a song- to parents and other children Keyboard concert- twice a year- to parents and other children	Class assemblies- being part of the audience Ukulele concert Keyboard concert	Free Keyboards financed by school. Provider- TMS www.traffordmusicservice.co.uk
Other	Choir- performing at local venues including Trafford Town Hall and Cosgrove Hall Court, Chorlton Choir- performing in school at Summer concert- to parents and children Orchestra- performing in school at Summer concert- to parents and children		Choir- free Orchestra- free Instrument lessons- financed by parents/ school

In the future

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

In subsequent years, we aim to-

- continue to develop as a singing school
- look into developing brass instrument sessions for individuals/small groups
- develop a choir opportunity for KS1
- develop transition links with a local high school
- build on performance and audience opportunities for the children

Further information

Kings Road Primary School- www.kingsroadschool.com

Trafford Music Service- www.traffordmusicservice.co.uk

Greater Manchester Music Hub- gmmusichub.co.uk

Government documents-

Model Music Curriculum

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6061f6a3e90e072d94e6f920/Model_Music_Curriculum_Key_Stage_1_2_FINAL.pdf

The Power Of Music To Change Lives- A National Plan for Music education

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/62bc1242d3bf7f292040d364/The_Power_of_Music_to_Change_Lives.pdf

What The National Plan For Music Education Means For Children And Young People

www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people/what-the-national-plan-for-music-education-means-for-children-and-young-people