

Music Development Plan Summary: Feniscowles Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Sophie Evenson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Carley Dootson
Name of local music hub	Greater Manchester Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Bolton music service

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: Music Curriculum

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.

Curriculum Allocation

Children at Feniscowles receive one hour of music teaching per week which is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Children take part in a 30-minute singing assembly each week which is tailored to their key stage. Children also receive a weekly 30-minute music lesson following our whole school curriculum.

Background Context

To improve the quality of teaching of music at Feniscowles, we have previously brought in a specialist music teacher from Bolton Music Service during the academic years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. In the academic year 2023 – 2024 all teachers followed a CPD model allowing them to team – teach fortnightly with the specialist teacher. In the 2024 – 2025 academic year, we then re – shaped this model to allow teacher’s to become self – sufficient and confident to deliver a wide and balanced music curriculum for 2025 – 2026. We have used a combination of resources from schemes such as Sing Up and Spark yard to

ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. The curriculum was created by our specialist music teacher and music lead following the Bolton Skills Progression and the Model Music Curriculum.

Musical Theatre

School contracts-in specialist musical theatre teaching for all children in year 2s – 6. We work a musical theatre company called *Made For Stage* to provide this curriculum enhancement. Children have access to an hour-long session once for around 7 weeks. They work towards creating a “polished musical theatre performance’ which adults are invited in to see. We have previously performed songs as “Revolting Children” from the show Matilda. Made for Stage also provide musical theatre sessions out of school which children can sign-up to independent of school. There is a cost attached to this.

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.

At Feniscowles, children from year 3 – 6 are invited to play an instrument through private or group tuition from Bolton Music Service. We offer tuition in brass, woodwinds, percussion and strings. Children have the option of bringing in their own instrument for lessons or they can loan one from the music service free of charge. In lessons, children work towards bronze, silver and gold certificates with some pupils in UPKS2 working towards national grades for their chosen instrument. Please see attached for charges, remissions and bursaries.

Instruments offered at Feniscowles: flute, piano, drums, guitar, violin and a range of brass instruments.

Our current school choir is made up of 40 pupils from KS2. We have two teachers who run our choir enabling smaller ensembles, duets and soloists to work on their vocal skills. The choir have the opportunity to attend the “Young Voices” event in Manchester each year as well as smaller performances such as singing carols at the school Christmas Fair.

We have a school band which is made up of vocalists, guitarists and percussionists from KS2 who come together to practise and perform.

Both our school choir and band have time to practise each week. All of our co – curricular clubs are free of charge.

All of our music tuition takes place in the music room. Children are welcomed to practise at dinner times if they wish.

Part C: Musical Events

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.

Each year, our school choir takes part in Young Voices at the CO OP Live Arena which is the largest children's choir in the world. The children are given the opportunity to learn the songs during choir so that we can perform them at the concert. Feniscowles covers the cost of the children's admission for this trip and kindly asks for a voluntary contribution towards transportation to and from the event.

Our school choir also takes part in the annual Blackburn Cathedral School Christmas Concert led by Bolton Music Service.

All of our pupils taking part in co – curricular clubs are invited to perform at the end of each academic year in Feniscowles **Summer Music Extravaganza Concert**. This evening allows children to showcase their talents and hard work from throughout the year and gives them an opportunity to perform in front of a real audience.

We have a weekly singing assembly in both KS1 and KS2. Where possible, this is led by our music coordinator.. Children work on a range of song's that is tailored to their key stage. Both assemblies follow the Bolton Music skills progression. We are visited annually by Bolton Music Service at the start of the academic year to introduce both key stages to our instrumental offer. Children are given the opportunity to listen to a variety of instruments performed by professionals.

All of our assemblies dedicate 5 minutes to singing time before returning to class. This includes our class teacher and SLT led assemblies and also our celebration assembly on a Friday in which we invite parents / carers to join us in both key stages.

School Productions at Feniscowles

- Class Assemblies
- Nativity – year 1 and 2
- Harvest Assembly
- Made For Stage musical theatre performance
- Summer Music Extravaganza
- Carols Around The Christmas Tree
- End of term whole school "sing-off"
- End of year play – year 6

Parents are invited to many of these performances.

Choir and band are invited to perform at PTA events such as the Christmas fair, summer fair and special school discos.

In The Future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years. Use this space to include any information on any improvements you plan to make for subsequent years in curriculum music, co-curricular music or musical experiences, including when you plan to introduce changes.

For the academic year 2025 – 2026, we are seeking to bring-in musicians to some of the other assembly slots so that the children have more opportunities to see real, live music and real musicians.

We are amending our school website and music documentation to better-reflect the improvements made from the 2-year partnership with our music specialist Kat Dunphy from Bolton Music Service.

We are working to ensure the CPD remains embedded.

Attached Information

Our local music hub is the Greater Manchester Music Hub. We work in partnership with Bolton Music Service.

Please see attached our local music hub's plan.

The Department for Education publishes a [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.

Attached includes:

- Bolton Music Service charging and remissions
- Fenisowles Long Term Plan
- Music mark certificate
- The power of music to change lives – a national plan for music education
- Bolton Music Service skills progression
- Medium term plans from EYFS – year 6
- Model music curriculum