

# Music development plan summary: Lowercroft Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Lucy Greenwood
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Janine McGadie
Name of local music hub	Bury Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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 Lowercroft, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups as well as integrating opportunities to listen to and appreciate music in other subject areas. We use the Sing Up music scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. The scheme is progressive through week-by-week lessons, ensuring all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and progress are met and evidenced through observations and recordings kept and shared on Seesaw. Discussions with children have demonstrated an increasing knowledge of key music vocabulary being recalled. Observations have shown all pupils are engaged and active during the lessons, including SEND. We have a wide range of instruments that can be used in the lessons and our curriculum. Our scheme ensures a variety of music and genres are listened to and discussed and provides our teachers with the confidence to teach music to a good standard.

## 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.

At Lowercroft we provide many opportunities for the children to develop their music skills. We have weekly singing assemblies whereby the whole school come together to learn and perform, building children's repertoire of songs. We also offer an opportunity for all KS2 to join the school choir, providing opportunities for them to regularly perform at school events or within the local community. We have an extensive range of music tuition available from Bury Music Service, with a wide range of instruments being learnt, these include; Drums, Guitars, Violins, Clarinets, and vocal training to. These are offered to children in Year 2 to Year 6. Throughout the year our children enjoy taking part in Christmas productions, drama club productions, which include opportunities to sing solos or as a chorus and music performances and singing within assemblies which are performed to parents and peers. We also have some children who take part in music hub performances outside of 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.

At Lowercroft, we utilize strong links with the music service to encourage instrumentalists to progress to performing in ensembles. Parents and carers are fully supportive of music making and we have a good turn-out at productions. Music is played and enjoyed by children and parents in our Friday celebration assemblies, ending the week in a sing-a-long. At Lowercroft, we provide opportunities for external companies to come into school, providing workshops to enhance children's musical understanding and skills, for example the whole school benefitted from a DRUHM workshop combining music and exercise, supporting both musical and physical development. Similarly, we also provide weekly Wake Up, Shake Up sessions, whereby the whole school and parents come together before the school day to dance and exercise to music.

## In the future

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

In the subsequent years to come, we are planning to build on our music progress by re-evaluating the current curriculum to upskill in-line with the model music curriculum.

We are going to continue to develop children's composition skills and the notation of this and reintroduce an opportunity for all children to learn an instrument during their time at Lowercroft. We will continue to develop our school choir and children's performance skills with more opportunities to perform at events throughout the school year. We would also love to provide our children with more opportunities to watch live music performances. Furthermore, we will continue to provide our staff with CPD to continue to develop their confidence and subject knowledge.