

Music development plan summary: Unity Federation –

Colkirk Church of England Primary Academy

Little Snoring Community Primary Academy

Sculthorpe Church of England Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 – 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Karen Hall
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Hannah Davies
Name of local music hub	Norfolk Music Hub

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.

Unity Federation has a commitment to Music and the Arts through our curriculum drivers and curriculum intent. This allows children to have an appreciation of music, dance and drama as essential elements of cultural capital. We place great value on children to express themselves through the arts.

Music leaders in the school have extensive musical knowledge and perform regularly and one is actively involved in music outside of school.

Our whole school music curriculum covers the requirements as laid out in the National Curriculum. You can see the school overview on our school website at: <https://www.unityfederation.co.uk/music.pdf>. Unity Federation uses the base music

scheme, Charanga, provided by our Music Hub. This has been enhanced by whole-class music opportunities provided by the Norfolk Music Hub and Specialist Music Teachers.

The school has a skills progression from Reception to Year 6 and has four main components: Perform, Compose, Transcribe and Describe Music.

Music in the Early Years:

The children begin their music journey in Reception through child initiated activities and planned curriculum music, through Charanga. They explore singing, playing and composing. They have access to a range of musical instruments to explore both in and out of doors. The children learning Nursery Rhymes and short rhythms and patters. They also attend the school Singing Assembly where we learn whole-school songs.

Music is on the school timetable for the equivalent of 1 hour a week, which is a combination of music lessons and singing.

Key Stage 1 and 2:

Music in Key Stage 1 and 2 is timetabled for the equivalent of 1 hour a week, which is a combination of music lessons and singing. As the curriculum progresses, the children have a wider access to a range of whole class instruments; these include ukuleles, glockenspiels, recorders and untuned percussion.

All lessons include some singing and playing. At the end of each unit of learning the children learn to sing and perform a song.

In Key Stage 2, the children begin to expand their range of whole class instruments. Our Year 4 children take part in whole class sessions led by the Norfolk Music Hub – due to the nature of our small classes this often includes children from other year groups too so that get the experience more often. The children have 10 weeks of one-hour lessons taught by a specialist teacher. Over the past few years children have had access to lessons on the following instruments; samba drumming, ukuleles, ocarinas and violins. These lessons are free of charge and there are no costs for the rental of instruments.

The singing curriculum is supported by whole-school singing once a week. This is a combination of new songs and recapping previously taught one. We sing a wide range of songs as whole songs, rounds and in parts. We also have listening and appreciation sessions for example where pupils are introduced to a new artist (Musician of the Month) or new pieces of music from Early Baroque to modern day.

Pupils with SEND are supported through adaptations, such as larger/smaller instruments, specialist equipment for physical impairments, removing unnecessary keys etc. Teachers plan adaptations so that all children can be included.

As part of the Norfolk Music Hub, we are also a Music Mark School.

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.

The children at Unity Federation have a wide range of choice when choosing an instrument to play outside of lesson time. Lessons are run by peripatetic teachers.

We offer a range of individual lessons and some group lessons. We try to start these lessons as young as possible to support their musical journey throughout school. There is a cost for these lessons.

Our current offer is:

Instrument	Teacher	Age Range
Guitar	Private	Year 2 – 6
Piano	Private	Year 1 – 6
Drum	Private	Year 2 – 6

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 Unity Federation, we see performance as an integral part of musicianship. All children who learn to play an instrument, get the opportunity to play in front of the school.

Experience	Age Range	Frequency
School Singing Practice	Whole School	Once a week (20 mins)
School Nativity	Whole School	Autumn Term
Leavers' Play	Year 6	Summer Term
Class Showcases	Reception – Year 6	As per topics
Instrument Performance	Year 4 and other selected year groups	Following 10 week block of lessons

As part of our Federation Fifteen we ensure that pupils have the opportunity to attend a concert and other musical events during their time at the schools. The whole school attends the Pantomime Performance where they can experience music in production. Our Year 6 pupils attend a West-End musical performance. Support is provided to fund these for our Pupil Premium Children.

The Norfolk Music Hub provide various events throughout the year which we join; for example Izzy Gizmo for our Key Stage 1 children and the hub's livestream pantomime.

In the future

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

- To provide a wider range of ensembles such as Choir, Samba
- To have as many live performances as possible in school for the children to listen to (this can include live on screen).

Further information

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.

The link to Norfolk Music Hub can be found at

<https://www.nmhub.co.uk/site/>