

# **Music Development Plan**

*Denton and Harlaxton CE Schools*

## **Overview**

Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Debbie Wicks
Name of the school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Sheriden Edwards
Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire 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 pupil’s music education.*

## **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 children can achieve.*

Our summary curriculum for music can be found here: [Curriculum Information | Denton CE School](#). [Curriculum | Harlaxton Church of England Primary School \(harlaxton-lincs.co.uk\)](#) Our core curriculum is based on the music scheme ‘Music Express’ and this is supplemented and informed by the Model Music Curriculum and BBC 10 pieces. We provide support for children who may have difficulty accessing our music curriculum ( visual cues, TA support, different instrument availability) and we provide additional funded opportunities for children with SEND or from vulnerable groups who indicate an interest or aptitude for music . For example, this may mean extra access to music curriculum lessons, funded private music tuition, enrolment or facilitation in music ensembles or musical theatre.

Each week, there is a timetabled class music lesson for a minimum of 40 minutes. There is a minimum of 15 minutes hymn / singing practice and a minimum of 5 minutes of music appreciation / listening to different styles and genres.

All pupils have an opportunity to sing and explore a range of instruments during their curriculum lesson time. In Year 4 (Harlaxton ) and Year 3 and 4 (Denton) one hour of instrumental tuition is delivered weekly – currently clarinet which is delivered by an experienced clarinet teacher from the Lincolnshire music Service.



The Lincolnshire Music service also provides subsidised access to the Music Express scheme which we use to deliver our core curriculum; they provide training and advice to our music leader and provide one term of an infant music program to the school as well as live music through a ‘musician in residence’ each year at the school.

### **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 curriculum.*

Through the Lincolnshire music service, the school offers 1-1 and small group instrumental and singing tuition for a variety of instruments. Lessons may be booked through the school and subsidised tuition may be available for children whose families are in receipt of certain benefits. Please find more information from the school and also from the Lincolnshire Music Service [Learn An Instrument - Lincolnshire Music Service \(lincsmusicservice.org\)](http://lincsmusicservice.org)

Each term all pupils have a n opportunity to sing or play an instrument in a performance to an audience (usually their parents or other children in the school).



Children are able to join a variety of musical clubs. At Harlaxton there is a choir for Years 2-6 running after school. Denton children are invited to use the songs they have learned during curriculum time or for their Christmas performances to form a choir and the two

small schools often learn some of the same songs to team up and create a school community choir. The choir performs each term for parents via the school end of term services as well as other performances in local care homes and during Christmas time at local venues such as Belvoir Castle.

Children at Denton and Harlaxton are invited to join the Grantham Mash up Ensemble after school which is an instrumental group for beginners up to Grade 3. This runs weekly with annual performances. Transport is provided for Denton children to attend this group and it is a fabulous way to extend their private lessons or curriculum clarinet tuition. Find out more details here of the mash up and other local music groups for children to join (all levels of ability). [Grantham Music Centre - Lincolnshire Music Service \(lincsmusicservice.org\)](http://lincsmusicservice.org)

### **Musical Performances**

*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.*

All children have the opportunity to sing in assembly at least weekly. Children perform these rehearsed songs for parents at the end of term services which are normally held in our local church. These services are supplemented by further choral works, solo and class instrumental performances and singing by each year group / class.



At Christmas there is a further special performance in each school, usually accompanied by singing festive songs and these performances are enjoyed not only by parents but the wider community; including residents of local care homes, community groups and visitors to Belvoir Castle's Christmas event where our schools feature as the school choir on one of the entry days. These events are free to attend but members of the public will be charged to enter the Belvoir Castle Christmas event.

The Lincolnshire music hub also offers a range of support, training and events which our schools can access. Planned access includes the delivery of an Infant Music Programme by a specialist teacher and as well as the Whole Class Instrumental Tuition there is also the opportunity to explore commercial partnerships which give the children

access to live professional music in school. Further information can be found here.

[Music Hub Partnership - Lincolnshire Music Service \(lincsmusicservice.org\)](https://www.lincsmusicservice.org)

All our budding instrumentalists and solo singers are encouraged to 'lead us in' to assembly by playing their instrument live in front of the whole school.

Our PTAs organise a live musical theatre event each year for the children to attend and our budding musical theatre thespians are signposted to local theatre groups which run a variety of opportunities for Primary aged children.

### **In the Future**

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

In the future, Harlaxton school hopes to extend the offer of transport to the local Mash up Ensemble for interested instrumentalists at the school. At Denton, we hope to trial an extra-curricular choir or musical theatre group.

The curriculum and delivery time allocated will continue to be reviewed in light of the national Plan for Music Education with the support of the Lincolnshire Music Service as part of their Music hub Partnership offer.