



# St. Margaret Clitherow School Stevenage

## Music Development Plan Summary

### Music Overview

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.

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 – 2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	June 2025
Name of the school music lead	Elizabeth Newham
Name of local music hub	Hertfordshire Music Education Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music Matters

### Part A: Curriculum music

At St Margaret Clitherow School, pupils access music lessons for one hour each week.

You can view our Music curriculum and progression map on our website.

We take an inclusive approach to teaching music, with teachers adapting lessons and deploying adults accordingly to ensure that all children are able to access music lessons.

Singing is a cornerstone of our music curriculum. Children also have the opportunity to learn the recorder in music lessons in Year Four.

We work with a music specialist, who delivers our Key Stage 2 music curriculum, while our EYFS and Key Stage 1 curriculum is delivered by a music specialist teacher within the school.

We also have links with Hertfordshire Music Hub, who deliver instrumental tuition and nurture groups in our school.

## **Part B: Co-curricular music**

Outside of lessons, we offer small group tuition on the violin for children from Years 3 to 6. Parents are given the opportunity for their children to sign up for this as spaces arise.

There is a charge for these lessons, although if you are eligible for free school meals, these lessons could be paid for by Hertfordshire County Council. We loan violins to the children who have lessons with no charge to parents.

We also run a music nurture group where we invite children from Key Stage 2 to join with some small group instrumental teaching.

We offer a weekly music group at lunchtimes which offers opportunities for singing and composing.

## **Part C: Musical experiences**

During the year, we offer children many opportunities to make use of their music skills.

Every week, assembly is an opportunity for children to sing together, as a school and in Key Stage assemblies.

We take part in the Stevenage Schools Music Festival, run biannually, often taking children to sing or perform their violin.

We are also planning to take part in the Schools' Gala at the Royal Albert Hall in March 2025.

During the year, each year group is given an opportunity to perform with their class. The classes sing and perform musical accompaniments where appropriate.

EYFS, Reception, Year 1 and 2 perform a Nativity play to their parents in September.

Year 3 and 4 perform an Easter play to their parents in March.

Year 5 and 6 perform carols at St Hilda's Church before Christmas.

Year 6 perform in an end of term play.

## **In the future**

This year we plan to widen our offering of instrumental lessons to include the clarinet.