

# Music development plan summary: Shiremoor Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Elliott Rush
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Lisa Evans
Name of local music hub	North Tyneside Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	North East 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.

It is our belief at Shiremoor that music is a valuable and important part of the curriculum and the wider school life. We prioritise music across the school which is very visible to the students, parents and wider community. We want students to be engaged in and develop a love for music of all kinds and to understand the cultural importance of music from all around the world and throughout history. This is achieved through our curriculum, extra-curricular and wider opportunities. An offer that we believe is strong and stands out as unique and exciting for the Shiremoor Primary School community.

Students in KS1 and KS2 are taught a weekly 1 hour music lesson by a specialist music teacher. During their lessons the students are taught instrumental music, singing, composition and musical theory and appreciation. The school curriculum is designed to develop progression in all areas of music, with a specific focus on instrumental playing. Students have a weekly whole-class instrumental lesson. Singing and music theory is also covered in every lesson. Composing opportunities are provided many times every term. These include improvising, notation composing and composing with instruments and music technology.

We are a Music Mark school and a North East Music Hub Lead School. Both of these accolades are in recognition of our commitment to, and development of music education in our 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.

We have invested heavily in ensuring that every KS2 student can take a musical instrument home. We want to provide them with an opportunity to practice and develop their own musical abilities outside of their school music lessons. All students can access home learning using individual Charanga logins to further develop their music performance skills, compositions and music appreciation. We are seeing students spend hours of extra time on their own musical journey at home and want to increase this even further moving forward.

The school has a KS2 choir which performs regularly at events including Christmas concerts, singing events organised by the North Tyneside Music Education Hub and the annual Shiremoor Treat event- A popular outdoor sports and arts festival for the local community.

We regularly use music technology in lessons to inspire creativity. Through Charanga's Yustudio—a Digital Audio Workstation—students compose electronic music, including Hip Hop, game soundtracks, and film scores. They also have individual logins to explore and create further at home.

## **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.

Every week the whole school from year 2-6 has an assembly. There is always music played as the students arrive and leave which is explained and discussed by the music specialist. These choices will be from a wide-range of genres and musical periods covering everything from historical classical music to contemporary pop music. Everyone will also be taught songs and be led in the singing of a wide range of songs.

At the end of every term, the parents are invited to a musical and spoken word performance from each year group. This enables the students and teachers to share what they have been learning in their music lessons together with poems and spoken words often linked to their topic learning or celebrations throughout the year.

The school has developed an annual Christmas Concert which is held at the local church. This involves the choir performing along with various soloists and small groups.

We are always very excited as a school to showcase our wonderful choir as part of the local music hub's Spring Sing concert in Whitley Bay Playhouse. We also get the chance to perform on an outdoor stage at the Shiremoor Treat every summer and are invited to sing at other local events such as secondary school concerts.

In the future, we are looking to liaise more with secondary schools about the skill levels our children currently leave with, in order to improve transitions. We are also going to be part of an exciting local music project with other schools and we're constantly looking for more musical opportunities for our choir and students to perform outside of our school.

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## In the future

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

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As a Lead School for music in North Tyneside, we hope to support other schools in developing their music offer.