

# Music development plan summary: Alder Grange School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025/26
Date this summary was published	June 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Lydia Leach
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Kenny Riddell
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	n/a

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.

The Alder Grange school curriculum for music for each year group is available online on the school website and in pupil's Google classrooms. All activities and spaces are accessible for our disabled pupils and lesson planning and wider curriculum opportunities support pupils with special educational needs (SEND). A link to this information can be found [here](#).

KS3 pupils receive 50 minutes per week for curriculum music, KS4 pupils receive 150 minutes per week of music for optional GCSE music; KS5 pupils receive 300 minutes per week of music for optional RSL music level music.

It is also worth noting:

- the school music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021) and non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3.

- the opportunities pupils have to learn to sing or play an instrument during lesson time are:

	Throughout, instruments are taught both as ensemble and individual			
7	singing	keyboard		
8		keyboard	ukelele	samba
9	singing	keyboard	ukelele	guitar
KS4	pupils instrument of choice			
KS5	students instrument of choice			

- the school is in partnership with Lancashire Music Service to support curriculum music. They provide the school with peripatetic staff.

**For secondary schools:**

The school delivers the following qualifications and awards:

KS4 - EDUQAS GCSE music

[KS5 - RSL Level 3 subsidiary for music practitioners: technology pathway](#)

## Part B: Wider curriculum 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 school offers peripatetic music tuition for guitar, bass guitar, drums, piano and singing outside of what is taught in lesson time, including one-to-one and small-group lessons. The tuition is free for those with pupil premium eligibility and other parents or families with special circumstances may have fees subsidised.

Pupils can join the following outside of what is taught in lesson time:

Year 7 choir

Full school choir

Keyboard club

Flute choir

Guitar club

Ukulele club

Pupils can make progress in music outside of lesson time by taking advantage of instrument loans and after-school provision such as choir

Pupils at Alder Grange can rehearse or practice individually or in groups in one of the 2 music rooms or 2 practice rooms.

## 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.

The musical experiences planned for the academic year 2025/26 will include:

- Music Tech house competition
- termly whole school assembly musical performances
- annual school production ('Into the Woods' - December 2025) at the school
- GCSE/A level recital evening (audience)
- Easter Music Evening
- Summer music concert

All pupils from all year groups are encouraged to participate as performers, backstage and audience members.

## In the future

Planned improvements for subsequent years in curriculum music, wider curriculum music and musical experiences are:

- expansion of wider curriculum groups to include more orchestral type and rock/pop groups
- attendance at live music events to enhance curriculum knowledge
- KS4/5 pupils involved with our feeder primary schools

## 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.

Our local [music hub](#) has a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.