St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

Music Development Plan 2026 - 2027

Curriculum Music

At St Vincent's, all children receive a weekly music lesson, ensuring that music is an integral part of our broad and balanced curriculum.

In Key Stage 1, class teachers deliver music lessons using the Kapow Primary scheme, which is aligned with the Model Music Curriculum for England. In Years 3 and 4, lessons follow and adapt the same scheme; lessons are delivered by a music specialist from Musical Voices, led by director Richard Broadman. In Years 5 and 6, music is taught by specialist members of the school staff.

Alongside curriculum lessons, children take part in regular hymn practices and singing sessions within their key stages. These provide opportunities to develop their vocal skills, learn a varied repertoire of songs and hymns, and prepare for class assemblies, liturgies and Masses. Singing together also fosters a sense of community and shared enjoyment.

Music Mark Recognition

We are delighted that St Vincent's was reaccredited as a Music Mark School in July 2026. This recognition reflects our commitment to providing a broad and balanced curriculum in which every child has the opportunity to explore, experience and enjoy music.

As a Music Mark School, we are committed to continually developing and enhancing our music provision, nurturing pupils' musical skills, confidence and talents, and ensuring that all children have opportunities to participate in and appreciate music.

Instrumental and Vocal Tuition

Children at St Vincent's have access to a wide range of instrumental tuition through our peripatetic music teachers. Lessons take place during the school day, with timetables rotated to minimise the impact on pupils' access to other curriculum subjects.

Available instruments include:

- **Strings and woodwind:** violin, viola, cello, guitar, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon and recorder, through Trafford Music Service.
- **Piano:** tuition provided by Alison Gee.

Further information about instrumental tuition is available through Trafford Music Service and Alison Gee Piano.

Choirs, Singing Groups and Vocal Opportunities

Pupils have opportunities to develop their vocal skills and perform as part of a range of singing groups. These include an after-school singing club in Key Stage 1 and choirs in Key Stage 2.

Music also plays an important role in our wider school and community life. Groups such as the Mini Vinnies participate in carol singing and visit local residential homes to sing for older members of the community. Year 3 pupils take part in the Trafford Singing Festival, while Reception children enjoy a dedicated nursery rhyme music session.

Pupils in Years 2, 4 and 6 also perform in school productions throughout the year, providing opportunities to sing, perform collaboratively and develop confidence in front of an audience.

Ensembles and Group Instrumental Learning

Through the Wider Opportunities scheme, pupils have the opportunity to learn an instrument as part of a group, developing their practical musicianship, listening skills and ability to play alongside others.

Current provision includes:

- **Year 2:** Ukulele
- **Year 4:** Recorder
- **Year 5:** Brass instruments

These experiences enable pupils to develop foundational instrumental skills, explore different musical sounds and styles, and experience the enjoyment of making music together.

Live Music and Performance

St Vincent's is committed to providing pupils with opportunities to experience live music at least once each year. Previous experiences have included demonstrations by peripatetic music teachers, performances by visiting professional groups such as Key Strings, and visits from bands and singing groups from local secondary schools.

These experiences expose children to a range of instruments, musical styles and performance settings, helping to broaden their musical understanding and inspire their own musical development.

Partnerships and Wider Opportunities

We maintain strong links with Trafford Music Service, which offers a wide range of instrumental and vocal lessons, ensembles and other musical opportunities. We share

information about these opportunities with parents and carers through links on the school website and regular newsletters.

Through our curriculum, instrumental tuition, singing groups, performances and external partnerships, we aim to ensure that every child at St Vincent's has opportunities to develop their musical abilities, discover new interests and experience the lifelong enjoyment that music can bring.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-27
Date this summary was published	October 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	October 2027
Name of the school music lead	Miss Hobday
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Farrell
Name of local music hub	Trafford Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Musical Voices

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.

At St Vincent's, we follow and adapt the Kapow Primary scheme to form the basis of our school music curriculum, which is informed by the Model Music Curriculum. In Key Stage 2, the scheme is supplemented by additional teaching and learning resources provided by Mr Broadman, our music specialist from Musical Voices.

Our music curriculum is planned progressively across the year groups, enabling pupils to develop their musical knowledge, skills and confidence as they move through the school. Curriculum information for each year group is available on our school website,

alongside guidance for parents and carers about instrumental tuition in school and opportunities through our local music hub.

Music is planned to be inclusive and accessible to all pupils. Where children have additional needs, lessons and activities are adapted to enable them to participate meaningfully, develop their musical abilities and experience success.

Pupils in Years 1 to 6 receive 45 minutes of curriculum music each week. Additional opportunities to develop musical skills and practise repertoire are provided through assemblies, hymn practices and preparation for performances, class assemblies, liturgies and Masses.

Instrumental Learning and Performance Opportunities

As part of the Wider Opportunities scheme, pupils have the opportunity to learn an instrument in a group setting during curriculum time. Current provision includes:

- **Year 2:** Ukulele
- **Year 4:** Recorder
- **Year 5:** Brass instruments

These opportunities allow pupils to develop instrumental technique, listening skills, musical collaboration and confidence in performing alongside others.

Year 3 pupils also have the opportunity to perform on a professional stage before an audience as part of the Trafford Singing Festival. This provides a valuable experience of live performance, helping children to develop confidence, teamwork and a sense of achievement through music.

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.

Choirs and Singing Groups in School

Staff in both the Infant and Junior departments lead choirs and singing clubs, which are free for children to join. These provide inclusive opportunities for pupils to develop their vocal skills, build confidence, sing collaboratively and enjoy making music together.

Instrumental Lessons

St Vincent's offers a range of peripatetic instrumental lessons delivered by specialist music teachers. Lessons take place during the school day or before and after school. Timetables are rotated to minimise the impact on pupils' access to other curriculum subjects.

Instruments offered:

- Violin
- Cello
- Guitar
- Piano
- Clarinet
- Flute
- Oboe
- Bassoon
- Saxophone

Instrumental tuition is arranged and paid for by parents and carers. Lessons may be delivered individually or in small groups, depending on the instrument and provision available.

We are committed to making instrumental opportunities accessible to pupils, regardless of their financial circumstances. For pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding who demonstrate a particular aptitude for music, the school has a discretionary fund that may be used to support the cost of instrumental lessons where parents or carers are unable to meet the expense.

Wider Opportunities Programme

Through our partnership with Trafford Music Service, pupils in Years 2, 4 and 5 benefit from whole-class instrumental tuition as part of the Wider Opportunities programme. These lessons take place during curriculum time and enable children to experience instrumental learning, develop practical musical skills and make music together.

Provision includes:

- **Year 2 – Ukulele:** Parents and carers contribute towards the cost of hiring an instrument. Financial assistance may be available through the school's discretionary fund for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding.
- **Year 4 – Recorder:** The school provides recorders for pupils to use and take home to practise during the programme.
- **Year 5 – Brass:** The school covers the full cost of both instrumental tuition and instrument hire.

Across all three programmes, pupils can take their instruments home to practise, consolidate their learning and develop their skills beyond the classroom.

Opportunities for Music Outside School

St Vincent's maintains strong links with Trafford Music Service, helping pupils and families access a wide range of musical opportunities beyond the school curriculum.

Information about lessons, ensembles and other activities is regularly shared with parents and carers.

Instrumental Tuition and Specialist Programmes

Trafford Music Service offers instrumental lessons, music production and opportunities to explore rock and pop music through its Rock and Pop Academy. These activities take place after school or on Saturday mornings at the Claremont Centre in Sale, with fees payable by parents and carers.

Further information is available on the Trafford Music Service – Claremont Centre website.

Ensembles and Group Music-Making

Pupils can also access a wide range of ensembles and group activities organised by Trafford Music Service throughout the week. Opportunities include:

- **Choirs and singing groups:** Provision for children and young people from Reception to Year 13.
- **Junior Strings:** Violin, viola, cello and double bass for beginner players to Grade 2, from Year 3.
- **Instrumental ensembles:** Including cello, ukulele, violin, percussion, woodwind, guitar, drumming and brass.
- **Ukulele Orchestra:** For beginner players from Year 3 upwards.
- **Music Production:** For pupils in Years 3 to 9.
- **Wind Bands:** For players from beginner level to Grade 6.
- **Rock Academy:** For pupils from Year 3 upwards.
- **Brass Band:** Opportunities for players from beginner level.
- **Advanced string ensembles and orchestras:** Including Strings, Sinfonietta and Philharmonic Orchestra.

These opportunities enable pupils to extend their musical learning, develop their performance skills, collaborate with other young musicians and pursue their individual interests and talents.

Families can find current ensemble schedules on the Trafford Music Service ensemble timetable and details of tuition and ensemble fees on the Trafford Music Service price list.

Through our in-school provision and partnership with Trafford Music Service, we aim to ensure that pupils are aware of the many opportunities available to continue their musical development beyond the classroom.

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.

Performance Opportunities

At St Vincent's, all pupils are given regular opportunities to sing and perform throughout the school year. Every child has the opportunity to participate in their class assembly, hymn practices and Masses. These events take place throughout the year, with parents, carers and other pupils invited to attend assemblies and join in the celebration of Mass. These experiences help children develop their confidence, vocal skills and ability to perform in front of an audience.

Productions and Liturgical Performances

Music plays an important role in our school productions, liturgies and celebrations. Each year group has opportunities to participate in larger-scale performances, with all pupils in the relevant year groups involved in singing and performing. These include:

- **Reception:** Christmas Nativity
- **Year 1:** Easter Assembly
- **Year 2:** End-of-year summer concert
- **Year 4:** Christmas production
- **Year 5:** Easter Liturgy
- **Year 6:** Summer production

These performances provide valuable opportunities for pupils to develop their musical abilities, teamwork and stage presence while contributing to the wider life of the school.

Instrumental Performances

At the end of each Wider Opportunities programme, pupils perform in a concert for parents, carers and other children in the school. These concerts celebrate pupils' progress and allow them to share the skills they have developed through whole-class instrumental tuition.

Performances take place following the programmes in:

- **Year 2:** Ukulele
- **Year 4:** Recorder
- **Year 5:** Brass

In addition, musicians in Upper Key Stage 2 who are working at Grade 2 or above are invited to perform in an end-of-year concert. Parents, carers and fellow pupils are invited to attend, giving these young musicians the opportunity to showcase their

individual achievements and share their enjoyment of music with the school community.

Singing and Collective Music-Making

Pupils sing together every week during assemblies and as part of their curriculum music lessons. These regular opportunities help develop their vocal technique, musical understanding, confidence and enjoyment of singing as part of a group.

Experiencing Live Music

St Vincent's maintains links with local secondary schools and endeavours to organise visits and performances by older pupils, including school choirs, instrumental groups and ensembles. These experiences give our children the opportunity to listen to live music, encounter a range of instruments and performance styles, and be inspired by the musical achievements of older students.

Through regular whole-school singing, class performances, productions, instrumental concerts and visiting musicians, we aim to ensure that every child can experience the enjoyment and achievement of performing music, both individually and as part of a group.

In the future

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

- Curriculum: review Kapow implementation and improve staff confidence through CPD.
- Enrichment: embed Wider Opportunities and continue to explore extra curricular activities and after-school clubs.
- Inclusion: monitor Pupil Premium participation and remove financial barriers to instrumental tuition.
- Performance: ensure all pupils have regular opportunities to perform and experience live music.
- Evaluation: use pupil voice, staff feedback and curriculum monitoring to assess impact.

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. - https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people

Trafford Music Service - https://www.traffordmusicservice.co.uk/

Greater Manchester Music Hub - Greater Manchester Music Hub (gmmusichub.co.uk)

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Your local music hub should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.

If your school is part of a multi-academy trust with a trust-wide music development plan, you may also want to include a link to any published information on this plan.