



## Lower Darwen Primary School

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### Music Development Plan Summary 2024-25

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Name of the school music lead:	<b>Mr William Hesketh</b>
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Name of local music hub:	<b>Bolton Music Service</b>
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place):	

#### Introduction

This is a summary of how Lower Darwen Primary 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.*

Music is taught in every class every week and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Lessons are a minimum of 40 minutes and are taught by class teachers or a music specialist. Teaching is supported by specialist planning and the *Kapow* curriculum scheme of work. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies in each key stage lasting 20 minutes.

Children in Year 4 spend a term learning ukulele as a whole class ensemble. This is taught by class teachers using the *Kapow* scheme.

#### Part B: Extra-curricular music

*This section is a summary of opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands and how pupils make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.*

- We offer piano/keyboard lessons through Mrs Kolosovo. Every Friday, she visits the school and teaches children in our school library.

- We have a thriving Key Stage 2 choir. All ensembles meet weekly and are provided by music specialists or musicians on staff.
- Mr Hesketh provides guitar tuition to pupils in Key Stage 2.
- Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, however, for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium provision. All ensembles are free and accessible to all our Key Stage 2 pupils.
- Pupils across the school perform, throughout the year in after school musical performances and singing. For example, Year 6 pupils perform in a Leaver's musical performance and other children sing in Nativity plays and Christmas carol concerts.

### **Part C: Musical Events**

*This is about all the other musical events that we organise such as singing in assembly, concerts, shows and trips to professional concerts.*

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- Year 6 trip to see and hear the Tenebrae Choir
- The Last Post played at Remembrance assembly and special service held at Darwen Cemetery
- LDPS Choir perform throughout December to the school and also in various care homes across the town
- LDPS Choir Charity Carol Sing at Blackburn Asda
- Choir, ensembles and soloist (keyboard and guitars) at termly musical showcases
- EYFS sing and perform the Christmas Nativity play
- Key Stage One and Key Stage 2 sing in Christmas Carol/songs performance to parents
- Year 6 Leavers' Performance; *'I'm a Ten year old Out Get me Out of Here!'*
- School band perform at Christmas and end of year concerts
- LDPS Choir perform at the Big Sing

### **In the future:**

In future years, our music development plan aims to achieve the following:

- Introduction of wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons
- Further develop performance opportunities for young musicians throughout the school year
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children
- Develop a dedicated music teaching space for use ensembles and individual pupils
- Music to be central to a performing arts concert/festival
- Develop staff understanding to ensure music scheme is delivered consistently and at least good progression is achieved throughout the school