

## Music Development Plan Summary

### Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Lisa Christiansen (HoS)
Name of local music hub	Southwark Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock Steady Band

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.

#### Part A

##### Curriculum Music

At Rotherhithe Primary School, we value the rich opportunities music provides; it is an integral part of the broad and balanced curriculum offered to all pupils across the school.

Music at RPS is taught on a weekly basis, with pupils being given access to an hour's teaching per week.

Music is taught discretely as an individual discipline throughout the year.

A qualified music teacher teaches Year 1 Music lessons, whilst a second music teacher

from Southwark Music Services teaches all pupils from year 2 to year 6. Both teachers are funded by the school. Early Years Teachers teach music to their classes. Lessons consist of a mixture of practical and musical theory, including learning how to play a particular instrument. Taught by specialist Music Teachers

The school follows the Southwark Music Curriculum which is based on the Kodaly method and the national curriculum. It has a clear progression of skills and knowledge for all year groups. Lessons have a predictable structure: Warm Up, Songs, Pitch/Rhythm Notation, Main Activity (percussion instruments) and Listening included within lessons.

Reception pupils learn how to use a range of percussion instruments, and this is built on as they progress through the school. Year 5 learn the recorder (woodwind). Children have the opportunity to sing during music lessons and also during weekly music assemblies.

At RPS we have a listening programme which enables pupils to listen to a range of musical styles. It contains information about a composer or performer, including a link to a performance, and a few historical facts about what was going on at the time it was written. Children are introduced to composers from diverse cultural backgrounds and have opportunities to listen and appraise during music lessons and assemblies.

Pupils with additional needs are catered for through adaptive teaching to ensure that they are included in every music lesson. For pupils with sensory needs, we are able to offer ear defenders, so they are still able to participate in the class but are not overwhelmed by the loud noise.

Our music teachers support music at RPS through:

- Whole Class Ensemble Teaching taught by music teacher to Key Stage 1 & 2
- Annual ensemble performances
- Attending and performing at Music Festival such as Splash!

## 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.

### Part B

#### Co-Curricular Music.

We have a music teacher who teaches children to play a chosen instrument (keyboard, drums, electric guitar, vocalist) through Rock Steady Band.

The children perform in special assemblies and also for parents.

At RPS, we actively encourage children to participate in music lessons outside school. We promote music lessons by inviting companies such as Sounds Steps to deliver assemblies to children, thereby exposing them to different music experiences.

## 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.

### Part C

#### Musical Experiences

At RPS we offer a range of opportunities to perform.

Year 6 pupils have an end of year performance for parents and carers; it is held in the Summer Term. This is a showcase of all they have been learning and includes a musical performance using percussion instruments as well as singing.

Children who learn instruments outside school are also invited to perform solos during the recitals as well as at achievement assemblies and the annual Christmas production performance held at school.

All pupils are given the opportunity to take part in a performance each year at RPS Primary School. Parents and carers are invited to attend.

- Each year groups holds Christmas performances at the end of the Autumn Term.
- At Easter they celebrate through singing at the Easter bonnet parade.

Songs learnt during singing assemblies are performed at special assemblies, such as Easter Bonnet Parade, Christmas performance and also during achievement assemblies.

Pupils have the opportunity to listen to live music in school:

- Special opportunities to listen to music, such as a whole school drumming workshop, are offered to pupils. For example, pupils listen to rhythms and patterns performed by a professional drummer and then played percussion instruments in a whole school performance.

All performances held in school are not chargeable.

## In The future

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

### In The Future

At RPS we plan to further enhance our music provision by:

- Offering opportunities for pupils to enjoy live performances out of school at other venues.
- Offering opportunities for pupils to listen to the recitals and performances of pupils from other year groups.

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