

# Music development plan summary: The Pines School

## Overview

| Detail                                                                             | Information                 |
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| Academic year that this summary covers                                             | 2025 - 2026                 |
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| Name of the school music lead                                                      | Mrs Thomas                  |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) |                             |
| Name of local music hub                                                            | Berkshire Music Trust       |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)            | RockSteady                  |

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.

### Curriculum Music Overview:

The Pines School, Bracknell, is committed to providing high-quality music education to all students. Our school follows the Kapow condensed scheme for music, which is designed in alignment with the non-statutory guidance of the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021) for Key Stages 1 to 3. The curriculum ensures at least one hour of timetabled music each week.

### Year Group Allocation:

**Key Stage One:** 1 hour per week

**Key Stage Two:** 1 hour per week

**Opportunities for Learning:**

- Whole-class ensemble teaching (WCET) is provided in Year 4, during the spring term, where pupils learn to play the violin
- Singing is an integral part of the curriculum with weekly singing assemblies and classroom-based singing activities.

**Partnerships:**

- Our school works closely with the Berkshire Music Trust, which provides specialist music teachers for our WCET programs.
- RockSteady supports additional instrumental tuition and provides workshops and masterclasses.

**Inclusivity:**

We ensure access for disabled pupils and support for those with special educational needs (SEND). Our music curriculum is differentiated to meet diverse learning needs.

## **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.

**Music Tuition:**

Parents can sign children up to RockSteady lessons, provided by peripatetic music teachers. There is a monthly charge for this, however, one bursary place is provided by RockSteady for those children whose families are in receipt of pupil premium funding. There are also opportunities for parents to sign children up for instrumental lessons provided by the Berkshire Music Hub.

**Ensembles and Choirs:**

**Choirs:** Key Stage 2 Choir (Years 3-6). As part of the choir, children have the opportunity to sing at the concerts organised by Bracknell Sports Centre and the local Baptist church.

**Instrumental Groups:** RockSteady bands.

**Rehearsal and Practice Spaces:**

- We provide designated spaces for rehearsals and individual practice in our music room. Choir practice happens in a classroom, or one of our halls, as more space is needed.

**Partnerships:**

- Collaboration with Berkshire Music Trust for violin teaching and additional performance opportunities.
- RockSteady provides weekly band sessions with termly concerts. The whole school watches these performances. Parents of those performing are also invited to watch.

## 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.

**Regular Events:**

- Weekly singing assemblies for all year groups. Each term is focused around a specific genre, e.g. pop, rock, and children are encouraged to listen to, and sing, a range of songs from this genre. Pupils, who sing or play an instrument, are able to perform at the start of these assemblies to help expose children to live music.

**School Performances:**

- Termly concerts showcasing our RockSteady bands.
- Early Years perform their Christmas Nativity
- Year 6 do a production in the summer term

**Musical Shows:**

- Children in Years 1 to 6 do a Christmas Carol Concert
- Children have the opportunity to perform musical numbers at the Summer Fayre
- Local drama groups come into school to perform pantomimes **Partnerships:**
- Collaboration with RockSteady for in-school workshops and performances.

## In the future

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

- As part of our OPAL initiative, children will have opportunities to use instruments, as well as the natural environment, to compose and play music, during their break and lunchtimes.
- Children will be invited to perform in our weekly music assemblies

## Further information (optional)

[Berkshire Music Hub - Berkshire Music Trust](#)