SS Simon & Jude
Church of England Primary School

Music Development Plan summary
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Detail	
Academic Year that this summary covers	2026 ~ 2027
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs K Brooksbank
Name of the local music hub	Bolton Music Service Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Kapow

Part A: Curriculum Music

At SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School, we are committed to providing a high-quality, inclusive and progressive music education that enables all pupils to develop their musical knowledge, skills and understanding. Music is valued as an important part of school life and contributes significantly to pupils' cultural capital, creativity, confidence and wellbeing. Through curriculum lessons, enrichment opportunities and a range of performance experiences, pupils are encouraged to participate, perform and develop a lifelong appreciation of music.

Music is taught from EYFS to Year 6 through the Kapow Primary Music Scheme, which provides a carefully sequenced and progressive curriculum. Weekly music lessons develop pupils' knowledge and skills across listening, performing, composing and evaluating music, ensuring clear progression throughout their time in school.

The curriculum enables pupils to explore a diverse range of musical genres, traditions and cultures whilst developing the musical vocabulary and understanding required to become confident musicians. Through singing, instrumental work, composition and active listening, pupils develop their ability to express themselves creatively and work collaboratively with others.

Music lessons are designed to be inclusive and accessible to all learners, ensuring that every pupil can participate and achieve. The curriculum supports pupils in developing self-confidence, resilience and performance skills while fostering a love of music and an appreciation of the contribution music makes to society and culture. The progressive structure of Kapow ensures that knowledge and skills are revisited and built upon over time, enabling pupils to know more, remember more and do more as musicians.

Part B: Co-curricular Music

Pupils are provided with opportunities to extend their musical learning beyond the classroom through specialist-led activities delivered by Bolton Music Service.

These opportunities include:

- School Choir
- Violin tuition

Participation in these activities allows pupils to develop technical musical skills, perform as part of an ensemble and experience working with specialist musicians. These opportunities help pupils develop confidence, commitment and teamwork whilst providing a pathway for those wishing to further their musical interests and talents.

Part C: Musical Experiences

SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School places a strong emphasis on providing pupils with a rich variety of musical experiences both within and beyond school. These experiences help pupils develop as performers, broaden their cultural understanding and inspire a lifelong engagement with music.

Throughout the year, pupils have opportunities to perform and engage with music through:

- Proms performances, where violinists showcase their learning and perform for parents and families.
- Performances at Victoria Hall, Bolton, allowing pupils to participate in large-scale musical events alongside children from other schools.
- Visits to a local care home, where choir members perform for residents and contribute positively to the local community.
- Live music experiences, including opportunities to watch and listen to professional musicians and live bands.
- School productions, assemblies, seasonal celebrations and collective worship, where pupils regularly use music to enrich school life and share their talents with the wider community.

These opportunities enable pupils to perform in different settings, develop stage presence and confidence, and experience the excitement of making music with others. They also broaden pupils' understanding of live music and support the development of cultural capital by exposing them to a range of musical styles, genres and performance contexts.

Future Development

SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School is committed to continuing to strengthen and enrich its music provision so that all pupils can develop their musical talents and experience the benefits of high-quality music education. Over the coming years, the school aims to further increase participation in instrumental and vocal opportunities, ensuring that a greater number of pupils can engage in sustained musical learning beyond the classroom.

Leaders will continue to work in partnership with Bolton Music Service to expand access to specialist tuition, performance opportunities and musical enrichment. The school also aims to increase the range and frequency of live musical experiences, enabling pupils to encounter a wider variety of musical genres, cultures and professional performers.

In the future, the school will seek opportunities for pupils to perform within the wider community, collaborate with other schools and participate in local and regional musical events. By building upon the strong foundations already in place, SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School aims to ensure that every pupil leaves primary school with the confidence to perform, a secure understanding of music and a lasting appreciation of its value within their lives and the wider world.