



Music Development Plans.

Notes from CPD meeting for Primary School teachers.

- The Department for Education recommended that schools have Music Development Plans in their document, 'The power of music to change lives' (June 2022). This is a recommendation and is not statutory: [The power of music to change lives - A National Plan for Music Education \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) 'In partnership with their Music Hub, we would like every school (including multi academy trusts) to have a Music Development Plan that captures the curricular and co-curricular offer and sets out how it will be staffed and funded'.
- It is suggested that you describe what your school does at the moment in terms of curriculum, co-curriculum and enrichment. Curricular (National Curriculum and Early Years content. This should include your KS2 whole class instrumental provision eg WCET in year 4). Co-curricular (small group instrumental lessons, including continuation from WCET year 4). Enrichment (attendance at festivals, visiting groups performing to children etc).
- The self-evaluation toolkit produced by Devon and Torbay allows schools to judge how they are doing in four areas: classroom; beyond the classroom; leadership and management; community and partnerships. [Microsoft Word - FINAL Music Development Plan, self-evaluation tool for schools \(musiceducationhub.org\)](#)
- Please check if your school, trust or academy chain has a template for school development plans before you start working on it.
- Template example – Nottingham. Emphasis on the curriculum and how whole class music leads to further opportunities. [Resources for Schools | Nottingham Music Hub](#)
- Template example - Severn Arts. Emphasis on how curriculum, co-curriculum and enrichment are linked, with useful prompt questions. [School Music Development Plan | Severn Arts](#)
- Template example - Kent Music. Includes the cyclical nature of Development Plans, creating a vision and a self-assessment tool. <https://www.kent-music.com/app/uploads/Music-Development-Plan-Primary-Schools.pdf>
- Template example - Music Teacher Magazine. Useful prompts and SMART targets (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time-bound). [mt-music-development-plan-template.docx](#)

[\(live.com\)](#) Also further information and Q&A webinar from Music Teacher Magazine: [A practical guide to writing a primary school Music Development Plan | Music Teacher \(musicteachermagazine.co.uk\)](#)

- ISM (Independent Society of Musicians). Video support in writing development plans: [Writing a Music Development Plan: Primary \(ism.org\)](#)

Further support

The Model Music Curriculum (2021) sets out what schools should be teaching. [Model Music Curriculum \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) A very useful summary that sets out these recommendations by year group has been written by Sutton Music Service: [Sutton-Music-MMC-Overview-May-2021.pdf \(mmf.org.uk\)](#)

Milton Keynes Music Hub website. Contains information about the Totally Music offer (class music teaching) and instrumental teaching from MK Music Co-op. [Home - Milton Keynes Music Education Hub \(miltonkeynesmusichub.co.uk\)](#)

There will be an online meeting about Music Development Plans in the summer term 2024 with Dr Elizabeth Stafford. Details to be advised but please contact music@milton-keynes.gov.uk if you are interested in attending.



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