Music development plan summary:
NEW SEAHAM ACADEMY

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2027
Name of the school music lead	T Spinks
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Durham and Darlington
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Durham Music Services

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, as well as 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.

- The school has a fully resourced, purpose-built music room to deliver dedicated music lessons.
- The school website has a dedicated music section which evidences the importance of music in the school's primary curriculum
- The music curriculum at New Seaham Academy has been developed to deliver the Primary National Curriculum for Music
- A summary Curriculum Map for each class is published on the school website which outlines termly what each class will cover for Music
- A specific Scheme of Work for Music outlines in more detail the Music Curriculum for each class, each term.

- Each class has a dedicated weekly timetabled Music lesson delivered largely in the purpose built and fully resourced Music Room
- Durham Music Services deliver the music curriculum for some classes across KS2: Class Five, Seven and Eight.
- The Music Lead delivers the music curriculum for some KS2 classes: Class Six and Class Nine.
- When swimming classes change, Durham Music Services teach Class Six and the Music Lead teaches Class Seven. Both of these classes learn how to play the Ukulele.
- Durham Music Services deliver the music curriculum for all classes in KS1; following their Little Fingers programme.
- By the time they reach KS2, all pupils are taught during lesson time how to play a tuned musical instrument in a progression of skills beginning with the Recorder, then progressing through to the Ukulele, Ukulele with Percussion, Brass Instruments and then Guitar. They use them to explore music elements such as pitch, melody, accompaniment, rhythm, beat, timbre, tempo and duration.
- They are taught to read different forms of musical notation in lessons.
- Children learn how to play individually as well as in a group/ensemble
- Each class performs instrumental ensembles with the specific instrument they have been focusing on that year during lessons.
- There is a weekly whole school singing session where all children sing together.

Part B: Co-curricular music

- Durham Music Services work with the school to organise termly concerts where parents are invited to attend to watch their children play and sing.
- More-able children have opportunities to run lunchtime music clubs for younger children
- Partnership with Durham Music Services - bespoke primary school specialist music provision.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise

Throughout the school year, other enriching experiences are sought out for children in Music, including services provided by Durham Music Services such as Rockstar in a Day.

Children take an active part in these music events.

Children play and sing during class assemblies, Christmas performances and concerts in partnership with Durham Music Services.

In the future

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

- To maintain the high-quality music provision in school for all groups of children
- To continue to increase the amounts of musical performances within school for all children.
- To further enrich musical experiences by continuing to have concerts and events in school delivered by external music specialists e.g. Durham Music Services.

Further information

See this link to the school's Music Page on the school website, which outlines further details of our Music Provision and samples of learning that takes place within music lessons.

https://www.newseaham.org.uk/Music/