

Sing Education School Spotlight

Morningside

Primary School and Children's Centre



Tell us a little bit about Morningside

Morningside Primary School is a 2-11 two-form entry primary school with a Children's Centre in Hackney, East London. Our community is culturally and ethnically diverse and we pride ourselves on being an inclusive school.

All of our children are known, valued and respected as individuals who leave school ready for the next stage in their education, with life skills which prepare them for the challenges that the modern world presents. Children are encouraged to aim high and make the most of the diverse opportunities they are given to cultivate and contribute to our shared community.

-Jo Smith, Morningside Headteacher









Pupils with SEN support 1 in 4 compared to the national average of 13.5%

What is Morningside's vision for music?

Our vision for music in Morningside is to provide every child with a solid foundation in musical skills and that we seek to build every child's love of music through high quality musical experiences, both within and outside of school. Learning music develops all aspects of a child's learning from the physical action of using an instrument to the mathematical skills needed to keep a pulse.

At Morningside, we provide every child with high quality music lessons, enrichment activities and opportunities outside school. We aim for every child to leave Morningside with an understanding and love of music which they can carry with them for the rest of their lives.

-Jo Smith, Morningside Headteacher

Tell me about your typical day

A lesson with reception in their classroom, followed by 2 year 5 lessons (currently on ukulele), then a lunch which is always fun thanks to the vibrant staff team at Morningside and the fun chats we have. Then after lunch we have 2 year 6 lessons (also on ukulele), followed by a really fun after school club called Music and Games with 15 children from year 1-4.

-Dominic Veall, Curricular Music Specialist

What is Sing Education's vision for music at Morningside?

Our vision for music at Morningside is that music should be fun and exciting, enabling children to engage with it.

At Morningside, we're committed to nurturing the musical ambitions of every student - the high achievers, those with special educational needs, children with English as an additional language. We're fortunate in that music, as an academic discipline, is universally accessible to all pupils. It provides a common, equitable framework for learning and self-expression.

-Bert Routledge, Sing Education Director





This year Morningside will host one of our school cluster performances and I'm sure the future will hold many more exciting music opportunities for all students

-Bert Routledge, Sing Education Director



So far that's... 1,995 264

curricular instrumental music lessons

695

pupils

lessons

MUSIC Provision at Morningside

- √ 3 full days of specialist music provision every week
- ✓ 2 dedicated school music teachers
- ✓ Curricular music lessons for Nursery Y6
- √ 1:1 and small group instrumental lessons
- **✓** Cover music teacher
- ✓ Music Development Plan
- ✓ Music Curriculum Pack
- ✓ Ofsted Deep Dive support
- ✓ Creative PPA solutions
- ✓ 2 singing assemblies a week
- ✓ After-school choir
- ✓ After-school music and games club
- External music opportunities, workshops and trips



What is the most rewarding element of your job?

The most rewarding thing is definitely seeing children across the years progress not only in their voices, musicality, and performance, but also their confidence and spiritual growth. Music lessons, assemblies, and choirs all really help develop a sense of confidence within themselves and also as part of a team.

-Dominic Veall, Curricular Music Specialist

Why did you choose Sing Education?

We chose Sing Education because your values align so well with ours. We wanted our children to have access to the best music teachers and Sing Education has an amazing team of professional musicians who love to share their passion through teaching children. We were extremely impressed with the emphasis on 'voice' as a child's primary instrument - the power of singing, both individually and in a group, is an amazing tool to explore music. Sing Education has a very strong curriculum with clear small steps of learning. It exposes children to a vast range of music from different periods of time, cultures and artistic styles. It supports the work we do across the school.

-Jo Smith, Morningside Headteacher



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