

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2021 to 2022 academic year) funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils.

It outlines our pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Ferryhill Station Primary School
Number of pupils in school	70
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	40%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	September 2021 – July 2024
Date this statement was published	31.12.21
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2022
Statement authorised by	Joanne Sones, Executive Head Teacher
Pupil premium lead	Joanne Sones
Governor / Trustee lead	Kevin Burton

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£48,420
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£2,970
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£51,390

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our intention is that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good progress and achieve high attainment across all subject areas. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve that goal, including progress for those who are already high attainers.

We will consider the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils, such as those who have a social worker and young carers. The activity we have outlined in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

High-quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. To this end, resources are invested in staff training and curriculum review. High quality first teaching and a carefully planned curriculum is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time will benefit the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery, notably in its targeted support, using teacher and teaching assistants, for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils. It is our belief that improving reading is the foundation for improved educational outcomes across the curriculum. This includes both phonics and reading comprehension. We also believe that diagnostic assessment of maths and reading, followed by activities adapted to meet the needs of individual children, will support all learners, including those who are disadvantaged, in closing attainment gaps caused by Covid disruption as well as other forms of disadvantage.

Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help pupils excel. To ensure they are effective we will:

- ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they're set
- act early to intervene at the point need is identified
- adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve

Challenges

This details the key challenges to achievement that we have identified among our disadvantaged pupils.

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1 Vocabulary development and oracy	Assessments and observations indicate that children start school with low levels of oracy and limited vocabulary. Our understanding of this is that children often have limited experiences outside of school and also limited access to good quality books and stories. Children also come to school with particular 'Americanisms', which would indicate that they spend significant periods of time watching television or tablets.
2 Phonics	Issues identified above can present as speech and language difficulties which can impact on how well children are able to access and progress in phonics teaching. Some children are also not supported to mature and progress in line with expected milestones, for example, using 'dummies' beyond the age expected and self-care skills. This can impact children's readiness and ability to access phonics.
3 Attendance	Pockets of poor attendance can impede progress. This has been exacerbated by the pandemic, when it has been challenging to secure good attendance for some anxious families. Covid has also legitimately impacted attendance when children have needed to isolate. Covid related staff attendance issues has also impacted progress.
4 Motor Skills	The pandemic would appear to have impacted children's motor skills which can make writing challenging. This is possibly because children were unable to take part in normal activities for significant amounts of time, such as visiting the park or having access to activities in school designed to support motor skills development.
5 Writing	All of the above impacts children's writing. They need high quality teaching with an exposure to high quality literature, development of their understanding of spelling and grammar and to have stimulating contexts for writing.
6 Maths	Disruption caused by the pandemic has impacted children's understanding of number and the number system. We can see this through teacher assessments.
7 Reading	In order to access the wider curriculum, children need to be taught how to decode (phonics etc) and how to understand what they read. They need to read a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books and when reading them independently, they need to be matched accurately to the children's reading abilities.

Intended outcomes

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our current strategy plan**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
Improved oral language skills and vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including

	engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment.
Improved reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils.	KS2 reading outcomes in 2024/25 show that more than 80% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standards.
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Improved Phonics scores in Y1	Y1 Phonics check in 22/23 shows that the phonics attainment of disadvantaged children is equal to others nationally and in the school.
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils	<p>Sustained high attendance from 2024/25 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the overall absence rate for all pupils being no more than 6%, and the attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers being reduced so that it is within 5% of others. the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent being below 10% and the figure among disadvantaged pupils being within 5% of others.

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery premium funding) **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £12,807.45

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Accelerated Reader subscription, including staff training (including Star Maths) (£1964.75)	Accelerated Reader and Star Maths include diagnostic testing so that teachers know where gaps in learning are and can accurately track progress. Accelerated Reader also provides teachers with a tool to assess the effectiveness of their own teaching of reading comprehension strategies, which our school does in line with Fischer Family Trust Framework for Reading Comprehension. Standardised tests Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress Education Endowment Foundation EEF Reading comprehension strategies EEF educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk	1, 6 and 7
Purchase of phonically matched reading books and books aligned to the Accelerated Reader programme. (£2300)	As above	1, 2 and 7
Purchase of Freckle, including training (£1312.70)	Freckle is an adaptive programme. It uses information from children's Star Maths tests to adapt activities to individual children so that they can work on areas that they most need to.	6
Times Table Rockstars Subscription (£100)	TTRS supports children in learning and understanding their times tables. A study published by Ofsted, says pupils without instant recall of multiplication tables struggle at maths.	6

<p>CPD: (£4,000)</p> <p>Early Child Development</p> <p>To develop a systematic approach to quizzing of subjects to diagnose gaps and ensure learning is secure.</p> <p>To develop diagnostic assessment of reading fluency using multi-dimensional reading rubric</p> <p>To explore ways of making sure that learning sticks and use this to review planning and activities children are asked to do.</p> <p>Developing vocabulary</p>	<p>Training for all staff so that they gain an increased understanding of early child development and how to ensure firm foundations are in place so that all subject areas have a secure basis on which to build, including oracy, vocabulary development, early reading, early maths and movement development.</p> <p>Systematic quizzing across all subjects helps children to revisit learning and know what they have remembered and what they need to remember. This can also support teaching to fill gaps. CPD to explore other ways to ensure that learning sticks is key to ensuring teaching is effective in ensuring that children know and remember more.</p> <p>Vocabulary development is essential in ensuring that children understand the spoken and written word.</p>	<p>1,2,4,5,6 and 7</p>
<p>Read Write Inc Spelling subscription and resources (£1130)</p>	<p>Students benefit from direct, systematic instruction that moves them along a continuum from the easiest sound/spelling patterns to the most difficult. Instruction is most effective when words with common features are grouped together in the lessons. (Read Naturally Inc)</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Read Write Inc subscription, training and resources (£2,000)</p>	<p>Fidelity to a synthetic phonics programme in which all staff are trained is a vital part of teaching children to be expert readers.</p>	<p>2, 7</p>

Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ £38, 082.55

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Teaching assistant support to ensure that children can access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Small group work -Intervention -Some 1:1 tuition 	<p>EEF recognises that using teaching assistants is effective where they do not replace teachers but are deployed to provide structured intervention. Making Best Use of Teaching Assistants EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>1,2,4,5,6 and 7</p>

Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £ 500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Implement attendance escalation and reward policies, including working with external agencies, purchasing rewards	Clear policies including escalation of actions and systematic rewards for both children and their families raise the profile of attendance and encourage families to improve children's attendance.	3

Total budgeted cost: £51,390

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

Pupil Premium spending in 2020/21 was used to maintain the level of staffing so that children could access small group learning and intervention. Some was also used to ensure that disadvantaged SEN children could access the assessments they needed so that plans could include professional advice on how best to support these children.

Support staff were carefully deployed to ensure that children were able to work in smaller groups and access the support they need. This is challenging as an intake of new high needs children meant that support was redirected. However, school data shows that disadvantaged children were not behind others in the school in terms of their progress.

Professionals were commissioned to assess children, resulting in a clear understanding of their needs and a plan to support them. Some of this funding was targeted towards supporting children new to the school who have high needs and are also disadvantaged.

A further challenge to both of the planned spending areas was the Covid pandemic. Staff absence was problematic, particularly in the summer of 2021 as staff were repeatedly identified as close contacts and therefore had to isolate. This disrupted the support that was planned for children. Some professionals needed for assessment of children would not attend school premises and therefore attempted to assess young children via Teams or telephone calls. This was not effective in identifying children's areas for development and therefore formulating effective plans.

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Read Write Inc Phonics	Read Write Inc
Read Write Inc Spelling	Read Write Inc
Accelerated Reader, including Star Maths	Renaissance