

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2022 to 2023 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	Gipsey Bridge Academy
Number of pupils in school	92
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	22 pupils 24%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2022 to 2025
Date this statement was published	December 2022 November 2023 (reviewed) October 2024 (reviewed)
Date on which new pupil premium strategy plan will be written	October 2025
Statement authorised by	Kirstyn Moffat Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	Kirstyn Moffat Headteacher
Governor / Trustee lead	Sir Steve Lancashire, Chair of Trustees

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£29,500
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
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	£29,500

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 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. This 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 for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils.

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	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils. These are evident from Reception through to KS2 and in general, are more prevalent among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers.
2	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers. This negatively impacts their development as readers.
3	Internal and external assessments indicate that maths attainment among disadvantaged pupils is below that of non-disadvantaged pupils.
4	Our assessments and observations indicate that the education and wellbeing of many of our disadvantaged pupils have been impacted by partial school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils. These findings are supported by national studies.
5	<p>Our assessments (including wellbeing survey), observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional issues for some pupils, notably due to a lack of enrichment opportunities during school closure. These challenges particularly affect disadvantaged pupils, including their attainment.</p> <p>Teacher referrals for support have markedly increased during the pandemic. Since September '22 4 pupils (3 of whom are disadvantaged) have required additional support with social and emotional needs in addition to those with needs we knew of before the pandemic.</p>
6	<p>Our attendance data over the last 3 years indicates that attendance among disadvantaged pupils has been between 1.5% lower than for non-disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>21% of disadvantaged pupils were 'persistently absent' compared to 9% of their peers during that period. Our assessments and observations indicate that absenteeism has been negatively impacting disadvantaged pupils' progress.</p>

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 2023/24 showed that 40% (2 out of 5 children) of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard, compared to 41% of their non-disadvantaged peers.
Improved maths attainment for disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2.	KS2 maths outcomes in 2023/24 showed that 40% (2 out of 5 children) of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard in maths, compared to 48% of their non-disadvantaged peers.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2023/24 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations. • an increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils.
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Sustained high attendance from 2023/24 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the overall absence rate for all pupils being no more than 4.7%, and the attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers being reduced. • the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent being below 6%

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: **£22,500**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Enhancement of teaching and learning provision to ensure structured interventions, small group tuition and one to one support.</p> <p>To ensure classroom teaching is precise and of a high quality to meet the needs of disadvantaged pupils so that they make progress by meeting (or exceeding) age related national expectations.</p> <p>To ensure pupils consolidate basic skills</p> <p>To respond rapidly with targeted teaching for pupils at risk of underachievement.</p>	<p>Sutton Trust found that, 'The effects of high-quality teaching are especially significant for pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds: over a school year, these pupils gain 1.5 years' worth of learning with very effective teaching.'</p> <p>Additional adults mean pre-planned intervention groups can take place and also ad-hoc according to need.</p> <p>Research from the Education Policy Institute highlights that the disadvantage gap is around 40% by age 5. With early intervention/ screening in the early years, we aim to prevent the gap from widening.</p> <p>Pupils need a sound understanding of number bonds and times tables to free the working memory to successfully apply more complicated maths operations.</p> <p>Daniel Willingham (Psychologist at the University of Virginia) states: <i>Automatic retrieval of basic maths facts is critical to solving complex problems because complex problems have simpler problems embedded in them.'</i></p>	<p>1, 2, 3</p>
<p>Embedding dialogic activities across the school curriculum. These can support pupils to articulate key ideas, consolidate understanding and extend vocabulary.</p> <p>We will purchase resources and fund ongoing teacher training and release time.</p>	<p>There is a strong evidence base that suggests oral language interventions, including dialogic activities such as high-quality classroom discussion, are inexpensive to implement with high impacts on reading:</p> <p>Oral language interventions Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	<p>1, 2, 3</p>

	Both early years intervention and oral language interventions can add up to an additional +5 months of progress.	
Continue to develop whole class reading strategies, with explicit use of vocabulary and speaking and listening.	<p>Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (though not necessarily comprehension), particularly for disadvantaged pupils:</p> <p>Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>EEF toolkit highlights that focusing on reading comprehension strategies and mastery learning can have an impact of +6 and +5 months of additional progress.</p> <p>EEF toolkit shows that phonics strategies can have up to +4 months of additional progress. This is based on extensive evidence and provides high impact for low cost.</p>	1, 2, 3
<p>Enhancement of our maths teaching and curriculum planning in line with DfE and EEF guidance.</p> <p>We will fund teacher release time to embed key elements of guidance in school and to access Maths Hub resources and CPD (including Teaching for Mastery training).</p>	<p>The DfE non-statutory guidance has been produced in conjunction with the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics, drawing on evidence-based approaches:</p> <p>Maths guidance KS 1 and 2.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)</p> <p>The EEF guidance is based on a range of the best available evidence:</p> <p>Improving Mathematics in Key Stages 2 and 3</p>	3
<p>Improve the quality of social and emotional (SEL) learning.</p> <p>SEL approaches will be embedded into routine educational practices and supported by professional development and training for staff.</p>	<p>There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers):</p> <p>EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	4, 5

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

Budgeted cost: **£5,000**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Purchase of programmes to improve listening, narrative and vocabulary skills for disadvantaged pupils who have relatively low spoken language skills.	Oral language interventions can have a positive impact on pupils' language skills. Approaches that focus on speaking, listening and a combination of the two show positive impacts on attainment: Oral language interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1, 4
Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support. This will be delivered in collaboration with our local English hub.	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Targeted phonics interventions have been shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions over a period up to 12 weeks: Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	2

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

Budgeted cost: **£2,000**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's Improving School Attendance advice. This will involve training and release time for staff to develop and implement new procedures and appointing attendance/support officers to improve attendance.	The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.	6
Subsidise trips, experiences, visits and activities.	To build relationships with pupils/families. To provide/locate support. To liaise with relevant services. Research tells us that families and parents are critical to pupils' attainment. Feinstein and Symons (1999) found that parental interest in their child's education was the single greatest predictor of age 16 achievement.	5, 6

	<p>An effective curriculum will be ambitious and designed to give all learners, particularly the most disadvantaged, the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life. Pupils' horizons will be broadened and they will learn more about culture, history and geography.</p> <p>Local deprivation- IDACI rating highlights that East Lindsey district is in the top 20% of most deprived neighbourhoods in the country (2019)</p>	
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Total budgeted cost: £29,500

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.

Our internal assessments during 2023/24 suggested that the performance of disadvantaged pupils was higher than in the previous years in key areas of the curriculum.

Our assessment of the reasons for these outcomes points still to Covid-19 impact, which disrupted all our subject areas to varying degrees, and also the high level of SEND particularly in key cohorts where it is over 54%.

Our assessments and observations indicated that pupil behaviour, wellbeing and mental health have improved significantly over the last year, due to this strategy being actioned effectively by all staff. We used pupil premium funding to provide wellbeing support for all pupils, and targeted interventions where required, through the use of our ELSA trained staff and working closely with MHST team for East Lindsey, providing workshops for small groups of targeted children and parent workshops.

Data Outcomes for Year 2 & Year 6 Pupil Premium

Reading Y2	Writing Y2	Maths Y2
EXS: 25%	EXS: 50%	EXS: 25%
GDS: 0%	GDS: 0%	GDS: 0%
Reading Y6	Writing Y6	Maths Y6
EXS: 40%	EXS: 40%	EXS: 40%
GDS: 0%	GDS: 0%	GDS: 0%

In the 2023-24 academic year, our impact statement was regularly reviewed alongside a set of milestones. The outcomes are as follows:

Systems that were put in place to track the progress and attainment of PP children were improving with the accuracy of the reported data. The Year 2 and Year 6 data was checked and moderated against other schools.

CPD given to staff – both Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants – has helped to target PP children and also those on the SEND register to ensure that they are given targeted interventions to close the attainment gap. This will continue in the new academic year and will be a focus of staff training.

Meeting the social & emotional needs of the children has been paramount this year to enable them to access their learning in the classroom. This targeted support has helped to raise the children's perceptions of themselves as learners too and has been particularly helpful for children who are both PP and on the SEND register.

A focus on language acquisition has started to improve children's attainment from their starting points. This has been particularly beneficial in EYFS so far, where many children (both PP and non-PP) have a weak understanding of vocabulary. Focusing on 'talk' and a stimulating provision will continue next academic year.

Attendance is a continued focus for the next academic year to continue to improve and support parents understanding of the importance of their children attending school and the direct impact this has on their learning and how it is the main contributor to gaps developing in learning.

However our persistent absence percentage has reduced significantly and as a school we are very proud of this achievement.