

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium 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	Churchfields Primary School
Number of pupils in school	488
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	14.3%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023/2024
Date this statement was published	May 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2024
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£81,300
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	£81,300

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our intention is that all children achieve the school's aims to be safe; to be an excellent learner; to have excellent social and emotional skills and to achieve and succeed through our ethos of 'a relentless drive for improvement, excellence and equality'.

We believe all children can flourish in all aspects of school life given the right time and support to tackle any disadvantage they may have in their background or challenges they may face. There are some characteristics as a group that guide our actions but we never lose sight of the individual child's, strengths, needs, interests and development.

We will use the funding to support:

- further improvements in the curriculum and the quality of teaching and learning for all, that research shows will have the greatest impact on closing on closing the disadvantage attainment gap
- accurately, timely and impactful support to meet each child's needs
- ensuring all children fully participate in school life and all of the experiences it offers

Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment and educational offer will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Our Pupil Premium cohort has 47% SEND (14% with an EHCP).

2	<p>English as an Additional Language (EAL)</p> <p>Our Pupil Premium cohort have 17% EAL.</p> <p>The Foreign Service Institute (FSI) has created a list to show the approximate time you need to learn a specific language as an English speaker. This study places French, Italian, Norwegian, Spanish and Swedish as amongst the languages in Category 1, taking 23-24 weeks (2/3 of an academic year) to reach proficiency with Arabic in Category 5, taking 88 weeks (2 ½ academic years) to reach the same standard.</p>
3	<p>Academic attainment in core subjects</p> <p>Our assessments and observations show a higher proportion of PP children having attainment below the expected level and fewer at the higher standard to varying degrees in reading, writing and maths.</p> <p>In some year groups their performance is not in line with national averages and in most cases there is a gap between the non-PP peers in school. Difficulties in the core can also impact on success in other subjects through difficulties in reading, writing and calculating.</p>
4	<p>Attendance</p> <p>Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium make up a significant proportion of our children who have persistently low attendance or difficulties with EBSA (Emotionally Based School Avoidance).</p> <p>Assessments and observations show this negatively impacts children's progress and success at school.</p>
5	<p>Access to Wider Opportunities</p> <p>Integration and full access to all on offer at school can be hindered by financial, time, cultural, logistical and communication barriers.</p>
6	<p>Health and wellbeing</p> <p>Our observations and discussions show that many of our PP cohort were more affected by Covid restrictions inside and outside of school e.g. access to outside play, access to sports, clubs and activities. Some of the PP cohort have additional emotional and mental health needs e.g. children who have been in local authority care.</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
Effective and robust systems to support deep knowledge of each child and the wider cohort	Effective systems are in place to understand strengths, needs and circumstances on induction to the school and in monitoring and support during their time at the school.
Consistent and effective quality first provision for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils	Quantitative and qualitative information shows that teaching and learning is highly effective across the curriculum, year groups, classes and cohorts.
Achieve and sustain improvement in academic attainment and progress for PP children	Outcomes in all key indicators show the PP cohort are at least meeting national averages in attainment and progress from starting points. The in-school gap is narrowed.
PP children are fully integrated and benefit from all aspects of school life	This is demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - high levels of participation in trips, clubs and other experiences on offer - high take up of additional support/enrichment activities targeted or prioritised for PP children - qualitative data from pupil voice, parents/carers and staff observations
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our PP pupils	Impactful general support and additional interventions to support children's varied social, emotional, mental health and developmental needs. This will be evidenced through qualitative data (surveys, observations, pupil voice) and quantitative records (e.g. behaviour incidents)
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our PP pupils.	Attendance and persistent absence at least in line with national averages for all children and the gap within school closing. Demonstrable improvement in attendance for individuals with persistent absence e.g. where there are specific health issues.

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: **£35,000**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Quality First Teaching: People</p> <p>Recruitment, retention and development of excellent teachers, including subject specialists.</p>	<p>Quality of teaching for all pupils is the biggest factor in success and will impact even more so for disadvantaged cohorts</p> <p>EEF: "Supporting high quality teaching is pivotal in improving children's outcomes. High quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap."</p> <p>EEF: High quality teaching</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Quality First Teaching: Training</p> <p>Excellent CPD including Q1E trust induction, INSET, trust-wide planning, central team and cross-school support.</p> <p>Varied forms of support with planning, subject knowledge, pedagogy, teaching, meeting needs, accurate assessment, working with parents/carers.</p> <p>Early career teacher support – programme that meets and exceed expectations for the first year of teaching and a package for those in their second year.</p> <p>Teaching support staff CPD and support – training and development opportunities to build subject knowledge, strategies and skills to support children in lessons and at playtimes, run interventions.</p>	<p>EEF: "Ensuring every teacher is supported in delivering high-quality teaching is essential to achieving the best outcomes for all pupils, particularly the most disadvantaged."</p> <p>EEF: Continuing Professional Development</p>	<p>All</p>

<p>Quality First Teaching: Curriculum</p> <p>Further development of our high quality curriculum incorporating a clear phonics programme; reciprocal reading; Maths Mastery; collaborative learning approach.</p>	<p>A well-sequenced, engaging and relevant curriculum offer will lead to greater success in learning for individuals, across classes and over time.</p> <p>EEF: Phonics; EEF: Mastery learning;</p> <p>EEF: Reading comprehension strategies</p> <p>EEF: Collaborative learning approaches</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Subject and pedagogical expertise - developing the expertise of leaders, and in turn training teachers, to deliver the curriculum effectively and have secure and accurate subject knowledge</p>	<p>EEF: Phonics; EEF: Mastery learning;</p> <p>EEF: Reading comprehension strategies</p> <p>EEF: Collaborative learning approaches</p> <p>EEF: Continuing Professional Development</p> <p>EEF: High quality teaching</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Assessment</p> <p>Formative assessment and feedback: training and support on effective strategies to ensure impactful assessment for learning</p> <p>Summative assessments – tracking systems, including phonic tracker (N – Y2 + mobile children in KS2), and use of standardised testing Y2 – 6 to ensure accurate assessment of standards and identify strengths and areas to consolidate</p>	<p>Providing high-quality feedback to pupils is integral to effective teaching.</p> <p>Formative assessment can improve students' learning</p> <p>EEF: High quality feedback</p> <p>Standardised tests can provide reliable insights into the specific strengths and weaknesses of each pupil to help ensure they receive the correct additional support through interventions or teacher instruction:</p> <p>EEF: Standardised tests Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Monitoring and evaluation – PP children are a core group of focus during all activities e.g. in lesson observations, subject/school reviews internally and with external advisors, pupil progress reviews, book scrutiny, pupil voice panels</p>	<p>High quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap.</p> <p>EEF: High quality teaching</p>	<p>All</p>

Targeted academic support

Budgeted cost: **£10,000**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Diagnostic assessments – specific assessment tools bought, trained and used to identify specific need and support e.g. LASS & IDL</p>	<p>By focusing on effective diagnostic classroom assessment, such as low-stakes retrieval quizzes, teachers can find the gaps in their pupils' understanding.</p> <p>LASS – dyslexia diagnostic</p>	<p>1 & 3</p>
<p>Academic support during quality first education – training on adaptations to meet needs during lessons for teachers and support staff</p>	<p>Quality of teaching for all pupils is the biggest factor in success and will impact even more so for disadvantaged cohorts</p> <p>Supporting high quality teaching is pivotal in improving children's outcomes. High quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap.</p> <p>EEF: High quality teaching</p>	<p>1, 2 & 3</p>
<p>Academic support interventions – training and programmes to support needs e.g. phonics groups, social skills/talk time groups, booster classes</p>	<p>Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind</p> <p>EEF: Teaching assistant interventions</p> <p>EEF: Small group tuition</p>	<p>1, 2, 3 & 4</p>

Wider strategies

Budgeted cost: **£36,300**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Attendance - embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's advice. Provision of an HLTA with a designated part of role dedicated to attendance improvement and relationship building</p>	<p>The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>Behaviour for Learning – whole school staff training, implementation of Zones of Regulation as core whole school strategy, reinforcement of school values and excellent learner behaviours. Redevelopment of whole school behaviour procedures & policy</p>	<p>Both targeted interventions and universal approaches can have positive overall effects EEF: Behaviour interventions EEF: Behaviour for learning EEF: Behaviour management</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Supporting social, emotional and mental health needs – provision of an ELSA trained member of staff Provision of a counsellor Provision of a play therapist</p>	<p>There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life EEF: Social and emotional learning Arts participation EEF</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>Participation and inclusion in school life and activities – enabling pupils to access clubs, peripatetic lessons, instrument hire, uniform, reading books for home, stationery, IT devices for home, parallel play materials, trips and school journeys. Ensuring materials at home to support homework (e.g. tablets, wi-fi, stationery, parallel activities in EYFD) and access to quality reading texts in the</p>	<p>Approaches to supporting disadvantaged pupils - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	<p>5 & 6</p>

home (texts sent to keep at home each term)		
<p>Engaging parents Parent workshops in early reading, maths, reading for pleasure and Zones of Regulation.</p>	<p>Levels of parental engagement are consistently associated with better academic outcomes. Evidence suggests that effective parental engagement can lead to learning gains of +3 months over the course of a year. EEF: Working with Parents to Support Children's Learning</p>	All
<p>Contingency fund - for acute/emerging issues.</p>	<p>Based on our experiences, we have identified a need to set a small amount of funding aside to respond quickly to emerging needs.</p>	-

Total budgeted cost: £81,300

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 2021 to 2022 academic year.

Through **quality first education** for all, and our **whatever it takes** approach, we used the pupil premium funding effectively to:

- Develop children's confidence, knowledge, cultural capital and engagement with school during periods of onsite and remote provision
- Improve the provision and outcomes for EAL learners despite the disruption to face to face teaching
- Improve the attainment and progress for all our PP learners.

Further information

We do our best to maximise the impact of our pupil premium spending.

School Culture

We aim to provide a culture where:

- staff believe in ALL pupils
- there are “no excuses” made for underperformance
- staff adopt a “solution-focused” approach to overcoming barriers
- staff support pupils to develop “growth” mind sets towards learning

Analysing Data

We

- ensure all teaching staff are involved in the analysis of data so that they are fully aware of strengths and weaknesses
- analyse data regularly to support us in determining the strategies that will be most effective to improve pupil outcomes

Identifying Pupils

We ensure that:

- all teaching staff are involved in the analysis of data and identification of pupils
- all staff are aware of who pupil premium and vulnerable pupils are
- all pupil premium pupils benefit from the funding, not just those who are underperforming as underachievement at all levels is targeted (not just lower attaining pupils)

Quality First Teaching

We will continue to ensure that our teachers are supported effectively so that all pupils receive good or better teaching by

- providing high quality CPD
- setting high expectations
- addressing any within-school variance
- ensuring consistent implementation of the non-negotiables, e.g. marking and guided reading
- sharing good practice within the school, trust and draw on external expertise
- improving assessment through joint levelling and moderation

Individual Support

There should be no stigma attached to being in an intervention. Everyone needs something, whatever that might be, and it is our job to provide WIT – Whatever it takes. We will ensure that the additional support we provide is effective by:

- looking at the individual needs of each pupil and identifying their barriers to learning
- ensuring additional support staff and class teachers communicate regularly
- leaders delivering high quality interventions across their phases
- Matching the skills of the support staff to the interventions they provide
- Working with other agencies to bring in additional expertise
- Providing workshops for parents – in small groups or 1:1
- Tailoring interventions to the needs of the pupil (e.g. trigger and build maths sessions)

Monitoring and Evaluation

We will ensure that:

- a wide range of data is used – achievement data, pupils' work, observations, learning walks, case studies, and staff, parent and pupil voice
- assessment data is collected regularly so that the impact of interventions can be monitored regularly
- assessments are closely moderated to ensure they are accurate
- teaching staff attend and contribute to pupil progress meetings each term and the identification of pupils is reviewed
- feedback is given to pupils and parents regularly
- interventions are adapted or changed if they are not working
- SLT meet termly to evaluate the impact of interventions
- Leaders are accountable for narrowing the attainment gaps of the PP pupils and their peers.