

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	St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy
Number of pupils in school	447
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	13.9%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
Date this statement was published	December 2021
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2022
Statement authorised by	Daniel Steele, Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	Daniel Steele, Headteacher & Louisa Stimpson, PPG Support Teacher
Governor / Trustee lead	Maureen Tunney, Chair of Governors

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£76,665
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£8,700
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	£85,365

Part A: Pupil Premium Strategy plan

Statement of Intent

It is our intention that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good progress and attainment highly across all subject areas. The focus of our Pupil Premium Strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve this goal, which includes ensuring high attaining pupils make strong gains in their learning.

This Strategy recognises the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils, such as those who have a social worker, who are young carers, or those who receive little support at home. Deliberately targeted actions have been planned for with the intention of supporting these needs and challenges.

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 also improve and then be sustained, at rates that are similar to their disadvantaged peers.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery, notably in its targeted support through the National Tutoring Programme 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	<p>Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils. This is particularly prevalent in the Foundation Stage but also evident through KS1 and KS2. Assessments and observations confirm that this underdevelopment is more common among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers.</p>
2	<p>Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers. This has a negative impact on their development as readers.</p>
3	<p>Internal and external (where available) assessments indicate that Maths attainment among disadvantaged pupils is significantly below that of non-disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>On entry to Reception class this year, 60% of our disadvantaged pupils arrive below age-related expectations compared to 49% of other pupils. This gap does not diminish to the end of KS2.</p>
4	<p>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.</p> <p>This has resulted in significant knowledge gaps leading to pupils falling further behind age-related expectations, especially in Maths and Reading.</p>
5	<p>Our assessments (including wellbeing survey), observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional issues for many pupils, and 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. 41 pupils (21 of whom are disadvantaged) currently require additional support with social and emotional needs; these pupils are receiving small group interventions.</p>
6	<p>Attendance data from 2020-21 confirms that disadvantaged pupils' rates of attendance are lower than non-disadvantaged. Punctuality of disadvantaged pupils was lower than non-disadvantaged pupils in 2020-21. (Whole School Attendance for 2020–21 was 96.7%; Pupil Premium Attendance for 2020–21 was 94.3%).</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
<p>By the end of Reception, most pupils will be On Track to meet expectations in Communication and Language. (Challenge 1)</p>	<p><i>Most children will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn new vocabulary and use this throughout the day; • articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences; • connect one idea or action to another using a range of conjunctions (and, but, because, when); • describe events in some detail; <p>The gap between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantage will have closed (when compared to Baseline 2021 assessments).</p>
<p>By the end of Year 1, most pupils will be working at Age Related Expectations in Language and Communication. (Challenge 1)</p>	<p><i>Most children will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn new vocabulary and use this throughout the day; • articulate their ideas and thoughts in deliberate and well-formed sentences; • have sufficient language for learning, play and socialising. <p>The gap between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantage will have closed (when compared to Baseline 2021 assessments).</p>
<p>For all pupils to acquire, retain and apply early phonics and reading skills by the end of Key Stage 1. (Challenge 2)</p>	<p><i>All children will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be provided with daily and consistent phonics teaching; • benefit from 3 x 15 minute guided reading sessions per week. <p><i>Most children will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be actively engaged in phonics and reading lessons; • access same-day ‘keep up sessions’ when appropriate; • make strong progress as evidenced through phonics and reading assessments. <p>The gap between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantage will have closed (when compared to Baseline 2021 assessments).</p>

<p>For the Maths attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged to be diminished. (Challenge 3)</p>	<p><i>All children in FS and KS1 will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receive daily 10-15 minute NCETM Mastering Number sessions (in addition to usual Maths lessons); <p><i>Most children will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exit KS1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with number; • use manipulatives with confidence and where required to secure understanding of place value and calculation across the school; • know and remember prior learning through the daily use of Starters and weekly Friday Challenge tasks (from Year 1 – Year 6). <p>By 2024-25, internal assessments will confirm that the attainment of disadvantaged pupils will be similar to non-disadvantaged.</p>
<p>For the gaps in Reading and Mathematics resulting from partial school closures to be diminished. (Challenge 4)</p>	<p><i>Children with identified gaps in Reading and Maths knowledge in Year 3 and Year 4 will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receive frequent 1:1 or small group teaching from an experience UP3 keep-up teacher; <p><i>Children with identified gaps in knowledge in Year 5 and Year 6 will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receive 15 x 60 minute small group teaching from an NTP tutor to close identified gaps in Reading and/or Maths. <p>By 2024-25, end of Key Stage 2 outcomes in Maths and Reading will confirm that the attainment of disadvantaged pupils is similar to non-disadvantaged.</p>
<p>For pupils' social and emotional needs to have been met to improve their decision-making skills, interaction with others and their self-management of emotions. (Challenge 5)</p>	<p><i>Nearly all children in receipt of additional social and emotional support will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • know and use given strategies to deal effectively with social needs; • know and use given strategies to effectively manage emotions; • be able to work collaboratively and communicate effectively with their peers; • participate in enrichment activities.
<p>For attendance of disadvantaged pupils to be in line with that of non-disadvantaged peers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The attendance of disadvantaged pupils will be at or above national average (96%); • Persistent absence of disadvantaged pupils will be in line with national figures for non-disadvantaged.

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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: £29,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Purchase of a DfE validated Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme (Little Wandle) to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils, including Keep up sessions.</p> <p>Non-contact for Phonics Leader to monitor and evaluate teaching and learning of early reading and phonics £7000</p>	<p>EEF research matches our own baseline assessment and tells us: 'It is possible that some disadvantaged pupils may not develop phonological awareness at the same rate as other pupils, having been exposed to fewer words spoken and books read in the home. Targeted phonics interventions may therefore improve decoding skills more quickly for pupils who have experienced these barriers to learning'.</p>	2
<p>Embed use of Pre Learning Tasks at the beginning of new units of work</p>	<p>In the EEF's 'Improving Mathematics in the Early Years and Key Stage 1', it recommends that 'teaching builds on what children already know'. It goes on to say that 'it is important to assess what children do, and do not, know in order to extend learning for all children'. The 'Improving Mathematics in Key Stage 2 and 3' document echoes this by stating that assessments should provide teachers with information about what pupils do and do not</p>	3

	know. This should inform the planning of future lessons and the focus of targeted support'. The EEF's Literacy Guidance also recommends that 'High-quality assessment and diagnosis should be used to target and adapt teaching to pupils' needs'.	
NCETM Mastering Number Programme for all pupils in FS2 – Y2	In the EEF's ' Improving Mathematics in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 ', it recommends that teachers 'Use manipulatives and representations to develop understanding'.	3
Use manipulatives to support understanding in Mathematics £4000	EEF research ' Improving Mathematics in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 ' recommends that manipulatives and representations be used to develop understanding. ' Improving Mathematics in Key Stage 2 and 3 ' goes on to state that 'manipulatives and representations are just tools: how they are used is essential. They need to be used purposefully and appropriately to have an impact'.	3
Introduce Friday Challenge (Maths and SPAG) to allow children to review and rehearse prior learning.	In Barak Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction , it is recommended that teachers should 'Engage students in weekly and monthly review'. Rosenshine goes on to state that 'the more one rehearses and reviews information, the stronger these interconnections become. Review also helps students develop their knowledge into patterns, and it helps them acquire the ability to recall past learning automatically'.	3
Improve the quality of social and emotional (SEL) learning. SEL approaches will be embedded into routine educational practices and supported by professional development and training for staff. £18000	EEF research confirms that: ' Social and emotional learning approaches have a positive impact, on average, of 4 months' additional progress in academic outcomes over the course of an academic year'.	5

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

Budgeted cost: £38,365

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
NELI for FS2 (£14,300)	EEF research confirms that: 'The average impact of Oral language interventions is approximately an additional six months' progress over the course of a year. Some studies also often report improved classroom climate and fewer behavioural issues following work on oral language. Approaches that focus on speaking, listening and a combination of the two all show positive impacts on attainment'.	1
Talkboost for KS1 (£8000)	EEF research confirms that: 'The average impact of Oral language interventions is approximately an additional six months' progress over the course of a year. Some studies also often report improved classroom climate and fewer behavioural issues following work on oral language. Approaches that focus on speaking, listening and a combination of the two all show positive impacts on attainment'.	1
Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support.	EEF Evidence confirms that 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:	2
Engaging with 1:1 and small group teaching to plug identified gaps in Reading and Maths in Year 3 and Year 4. £15000	EEF Evidence indicates that 'one to one tuition can be effective, providing approximately five additional months' progress on average'. The findings go on to state that 'tuition in groups of two or three has been equally or even more effective [than one to one tuition]'.	4
Engaging with the National Tutoring Programme to provide a blend of tuition, mentoring and school-led tutoring for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 whose education has been most impacted by the pandemic. A significant proportion	EEF Evidence indicates that 'one to one tuition can be effective, providing approximately five additional months' progress on average'. The findings go on to state that 'tuition in groups of two or three has been equally or even more effective [than one to one tuition]'.	4

of the pupils who receive tutoring will be disadvantaged, including those who are high attainers. £1000		
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £18,000

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 our Attendance Officer along with 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.	5
Dojo Shop Rewards	The potential impact of metacognition and self-regulation approaches is high (+7 months additional progress), although it can be difficult to realise this impact in practice as such methods require pupils to take greater responsibility for their learning and develop their understanding of what is required to succeed.	5
Child & Family Support Worker £10000		5
Forest School £8000	Forest School helps participants to become, healthy, resilient, creative and independent learners and supports positive attendance and behaviour as well as pupil wellbeing. During Forest School sessions, pupils are encouraged to develop their collaborative skills and work towards a joint outcome. The EEF describe the positive impact of collaborative learning	5

Total budgeted cost: £85,365

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

The impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2020 to 2021 academic year can be found below:

Internal assessment data during 2020/21 suggests that the performance of disadvantaged pupils was lower than in the previous 3 years in key areas of the curriculum, notably Reading, Writing and Maths. Assessment information from 2018/19 confirms that the proportion of PPG children working at Age Related Expectations was below non-PPG and below national figures. However, due to school closure for much of the 2019/20 academic year, and a disrupted academic year last year, the outcomes we aimed to achieve in our previous strategy were not fully realised and as such, the gap did not close.

Our assessment of the reasons for these outcomes points primarily to Covid-19 impact, which disrupted all our subject areas to varying degrees. As evidenced in schools across the country, school closure was most detrimental to our disadvantaged pupils, and they were not able to benefit from our pupil premium funded improvements to teaching and targeted interventions to the degree we had intended. The impact was mitigated by our resolution to maintain a high quality curriculum, including during periods of partial closure, which was aided by use of live online remote teaching and using MS Teams and Class Dojo as teaching and learning tools.

Attendance in 2020/21 was higher than in the preceding 3 years at 96.7%, which is higher than the national average. At the times when all pupils were expected to attend school, absence among disadvantaged pupils was 2.4% higher than their peers. 43% of persistent absentees were disadvantage pupils.

Our assessments and observations indicated that wellbeing, mental health and pupils' social and emotional health was significantly impacted last year, primarily due to COVID-19-related issues. Monitoring indicates that the impact was particularly acute for disadvantaged pupils. Last year, pupil premium funding was used to provide wellbeing support for all pupils and targeted interventions where required. We are building further on this approach with the activities detailed in this plan.

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you purchased in the previous academic year. This will help the Department for Education identify which ones are popular in England

Programme	Provider
National Tutoring Programme	Connex
Purple Mash Purple Mash	Purple Mash

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	

Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your pupil premium strategy. For example, about your strategy planning, or other activity that you are implementing to support disadvantaged pupils, that is not dependent on pupil premium or recovery premium funding.