

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	High Wych CE Primary
Number of pupils in school	227
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	15.5%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021/22-2024/25
Date this statement was published	July 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2025
Statement authorised by	Mrs M J West Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	Mrs M J West
Governor / Trustee lead	Mr A Ashworth PP Governor

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£37830
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year <i>Recovery premium received in academic year 2023/24 cannot be carried forward beyond August 31, 2024.</i>	£4278
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (<i>enter £0 if not applicable</i>)	0
Total budget for this academic year	£42108

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

The children at High Wych CE Primary school are all entitled to a broad range of learning experiences, irrespective of background. Children may be limited in opportunities not abilities so we encourage and support the children to achieve success whatever their starting point.

We use the pupil premium to support the challenges presented to disadvantaged children including those who are already high achievers, those with a social worker and young carers. The activities outlined are intended to support the needs of all children, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

High quality teaching and early intervention is at the heart of our approach as recommended by the Education Endowment Foundation. Our strategy is part of the wider school plans for recovery including one to one and small group support using teachers who know them best.

Our approach will look at each child individually and diagnostically assess their needs and challenges. We will ensure pupils are

- Assessed early and intervene quickly once the need is identified
- Challenged by staff within lessons and that staff take responsibility for the pupils' outcomes within their class

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Communication, Speech and language difficulties in Early Years hinder progress in all areas. Assessments and observations of Early language indicate vocabulary gaps starting from Nursery and Reception.
2	Assessments and observations of phonics development indicate that disadvantaged pupils need support as this leads to hindrance in reading development thus affecting all areas of the curriculum.
3	Assessments and observations indicate that Early maths attainment of some disadvantaged pupils is lower than for all pupils. On entry maths attainment last year of vulnerable children in Reception was lower than for all children.

	This year is similar with more vulnerable children working below expected level upon entry than for all children.
4	Our attendance data suggested that disadvantaged pupils attend slightly less well than all pupils and we continue to improve the attendance rates for all children but especially disadvantaged children.
5	Opportunities to participate in all activities on offer should not be hindered by socio- economic barriers

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
Accelerated acquisition of communication, speech and language with increased vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils.	Assessments and observations indicate that Speech and language difficulties are identified early. Disadvantaged children in Nursery and Reception make improvements from their starting points as exemplified through use of vocabulary as well as Wellcomm and Nussy monitoring. Support through weekly school based therapist provides strategies to be delivered by the support staff. Senco continues to monitor S&L development throughout the school.
Reading improvement with Phonics being clearly taught to support the acquisition of communication skills in both reading and writing.	Phonics screening threshold in Year 1 results show that children continue to be above National and flourish. Vulnerable children continue to succeed to read at expected standard in Year 1 and 2 as shown by the screening and SATs results. Observations and assessments show that this will continue to improve across KS2 and that any gap will close. Vulnerable children, through pupil voice will continue to clearly make book choices at the expected standard. Little Wandle phonics scheme is used well to improve reading acquisition.
To achieve and sustain improved attendance and punctuality, especially for our disadvantaged pupils.	The attendance for disadvantaged children is similar for all pupils. Pupil voice shows that school is addressing barriers to attendance. Any gap between groups is reduced. Persistent absence for disadvantaged children is addressed and pupil voice shows this. Data shows that identified children and families are supported to improve their attendance and punctuality so that children attend well and learn.
Children are able to take up the opportunities offered, especially disadvantaged children.	All children, especially disadvantaged children attend visits and trips irrespective of socio-economic challenges.
To achieve and sustain improved maths attainment, especially for disadvantaged children.	Children, especially the disadvantaged, are age appropriately secure in number bonds and timetables as noted in any assessments. Observations and assessments show that this is improving and the gap closed. Pupil voice shows that children are making good progress.

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: £ 15,000 plus

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Continued training of a DFE validated synthetic Phonics programme to secure phonics teaching for all pupils. Training delivered to support all teachers and TAs across the school.	Phonics approach has a positive impact on accuracy of word reading, particularly for disadvantaged pupils. See Education Endowment Foundation- phonics toolkit Little Wandle scheme and training	2
Purchase of standardised diagnostic assessments and training for staff	Strengths and weaknesses identified for each pupil to ensure the correct interventions are applied. See Education Endowment Foundation- standardised testing	1, 2, 3, 4
PP strategy training via webinar by Hfl attended and Governor webinar on PP.	Outcomes from the course are identified and actioned eg Identify barriers for pp children and implement best actions to break down these barriers	1-5
Continue to enhance the curriculum planning and teaching of maths. CPD for the subject leader and release time where necessary. Greater Depth Maths resources bought from HfL.	The EEF guidance is based upon the best evidence for KS2 and KS1 maths.	3
Steps therapeutic behaviour training attended by staff	Herts therapeutic behaviour training to support behaviour to ensure a shared understanding of the approach	4
Attend training to support the improvement in writing across KS2 Continue to support a teacher to lead on writing.	To understand the importance of writing and develop an approach to writing sustain improvements	1

Training by SENCO for TAs on interventions and closing the gaps	Interventions are used successfully to support the progress of the children and accelerate progress	1-4
Webinar training to deliver additional support through Neli-N	Improved understanding of the delivery of oral communication improvement through Neli-N Evidence from DfE	1

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

Budgeted cost: £30,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Provide training for teaching assistants to deliver additional support for identified children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 through Neli-N and Wellcomm	The EYFS TAs provides targeted support using NELI-R (Nuffield Early Language), Neli-N and Wellcomm to improve the language skills of specific children for 20 weeks. The impact is evaluated and reviewed throughout the year. EEF- Oral Language interventions	1-2
Provide 1:1 and small group sessions to targeted children through in house tuition including extending more able children	Small group work or 1:1 sessions after or before school used to accelerate the progress of pupils using class teachers. TA support small groups in the afternoons for those children below age related expectations as well as disadvantaged pupils using specific interventions or gap analysis data Easter school tuition and summer school tuition EEF- one to one tuition	2-3
Provide additional SEN TA time to support English within lessons	SEN TA works in Yr 2 and 3 in the mornings to support the progress of disadvantaged pupils as well as those working below age related expectations. The impact is evaluated and reviewed throughout the year. EEF- Oral Language interventions	1-3

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

Budgeted cost: £ 5000 plus

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Ensure all PP children have the opportunity to attend extra- curricular clubs and educational activities	The children will be provided with a broad range of activities and trips throughout their schooling to ensure they have a broad curriculum.	5
Attendance concerns are addressed with parents to reduce lost learning	To ensure that parents understand the importance of attendance as stated by the DfE in Improving School Attendance.	4
Provide new parents with a session on phonics and reading in EY	To ensure parents understand the approach to phonics and reading and how to ensure the children develop a love of reading through the support they can give at home.	1-2

Total budgeted cost: £ 45,000

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 2023 to 2024 academic year.

Children are assessed at the end of each term using NFER tests. Teachers use a variety of formative assessments throughout the lessons to ensure progress is being made.

Our internal assessments during 23/24 suggest that the performance of disadvantaged pupils for reading, writing and maths was lower than non-disadvantaged. Many of our disadvantaged children have additional SEN/EHC plans.

Our assessments and observations indicate that pupil learning behaviour has been impacted by the lockdowns. We are improving learning behaviour so that all children, but especially disadvantaged pupils can focus within lessons and learn.

Sats results for PP children 2021/22 and 2022/23 for KS2 show that

	National (2019) Exp/GD		School 2022 Exp (6 pupils 2 SEN)	School 2023 Exp (5 pupils - 3 SEN)	School 2022 GD	School 2023 GD	School 2024 exp 4 pupils	School 2024 GD
Read	62%	17%	83%	60%	33%	40%	75%	25%
Write	68%	11%	50%	40%	0%	40%	50%	0%
Maths	67%	16%	83%	40%	17%	40%	100%	0%
RWM	51%	5%	50%	40%	0%	40%	50%	0%

Writing is still an area to focus on but having promoted a teacher to the SLT to be the writing subject leader since Feb 2022 she has since been selected as a writing moderator for Herts for 2023 and 2024. She has moderated writing throughout the school this year and taught lessons alongside teachers to improve pedagogy. Writing continues to improve.

Attendance

There are 29% of PP children who are persistent absentees (less than 90%)

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
Nessy	Nessy
Wellcomm	GL Assessment
Neli- N	Nuffield