

Pupil premium strategy statement

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	Marchwood C of E Infant School
Number of pupils in school	205
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	(29 pupils) 14%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021/22 – 2023/24
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2024
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£42,195
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	£42,195

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Marchwood C of E Infant School, we have high aspirations for all our children and are committed to removing barriers to learning and providing opportunities for children to flourish socially, emotionally and academically. We want all our children to be

Co-operative and collaborative	Creative/ imaginative	Enthusiastic, curious learners	Resilient, confident and ambitious	Effective communicators	Self- aware	Brave and enterprising	Equipped for the world
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To support our children to be equipped for the world and succeed in achieving our intentions for them, the overarching objectives of our pupil premium strategy plan are to:

- Overcome barriers to learning created by social disadvantage
- Diminish attainment gaps where they exist between disadvantaged pupils and their peers
- Ensure all pupils are confident and fluent readers
- Enable pupils to communicate confidently and effectively in a range of contexts
- Nurture social and emotional wellbeing and develop confidence and resilience
- Broaden children's experiences and provide them with the cultural capital that allows the best possible start to their education

High quality teaching that meets the needs of all pupils is at the centre of our approach. This will be supported by the provision of targeted intervention programmes in response to prompt identification of individual needs. The activities we have outlined below are intended to support these targets and diminish the gap between vulnerable pupils and their peers.

In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged. We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.

Service children will benefit from a comprehensive welfare programme involving our ELSA and school led initiatives.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Academic attainment Last year, attainment gaps for disadvantaged children in reading, writing and phonics had closed and children in receipt of pupil premium funding performed better than or in line with all children nationally in these areas. An attainment gap remains in maths although this has closed. There have been inconsistencies with task design and CPA (concrete, pictorial, abstract) approach in maths which we are addressing. 21.4% of our pupil premium were identified as having SEND, lower than the national average of 27%. We have addressed the historic inconsistency in provision of high-quality phonics teaching that impacted negatively on reading and writing.
2.	Communication and Language Oral language is below expectations for a number of pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding. This has been impacted by two lockdowns and has a negative effect on English skills, notably writing.
3.	Social, Emotional and Mental Health and Wellbeing Pupils and their families have increasing social, emotional and behavioural needs which have been affected by the impact of the partial school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to a greater extent than for other pupils. These findings are supported by national studies. This has impacted pupils' well-being and attainment, resulting in some pupils falling further behind age-related expectations, especially in writing and maths. Pupils show weaknesses in learning behaviours such as resilience and independence. Referrals for ELSA support continue to increase. 37% of disadvantaged pupils have needed ELSA support over the last year.
4.	Attendance Data shows low attendance and high level of persistent absenteeism of disadvantaged children. Our attendance data over the last year indicates that attendance among disadvantaged pupils has been between 2.9% lower than for non-disadvantaged pupils. Overall absence for disadvantaged pupils is 8.2%. This has increased over time. 30% of disadvantaged pupils have been 'persistently absent'. Our assessments and observations indicate that absenteeism can negatively impact disadvantaged pupils' progress
5.	Wider Strategies - Cultural Capital There are limited experiences and cultural and enrichment opportunities for some of our most vulnerable pupils, putting them at a greater educational disadvantage

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
Academic Attainment - Improved attainment and progress in phonics and reading. - A consistent phonics approach is embedded across the whole school with fidelity to one programme.	- The gap between PP and Non-PP children to continue to diminish. - KS1 reading outcomes in 2024 show that more than 70% of disadvantaged pupils without SEN achieve the expected standard in reading (National average currently 62%) - KS1 phonics outcomes in 2024 show that 78% of disadvantaged pupils without SEN achieve the national average in the phonics screening test. (National Average currently 71%) - Little Wandle phonics programme embedded. - All staff including LSAs trained in effective phonics teaching. - Resources in classrooms effectively support our phonics system and support children's learning.
Academic Attainment - Improved attainment and progress in maths. - Children have developed secure mental maths skills across all year groups. - Children can use and apply these skills confidently to solve a range of problems.	- The gap between PP and Non-PP children to continue to diminish. - KS1 maths outcomes in 2024 show that more than 70% of non SEN disadvantaged pupils achieve ARE in maths. (National Average currently 62%) - Observation of improved fluency within number. - Effective implementation of 'Mastering Number' programme. - Secure maths learning journeys and development of CPA approach supports pupils to make progress.
Communication and Language - Improved oral language skills and narrowing of the vocabulary deficit for pupils in EYFS and KS1. - Targeted language programmes based on Language Link assessments close gaps in learning.	- Disadvantaged pupils make significant progress in speech and language programmes. - Vocabulary is explicitly taught through the Word Aware Program. - Targeted Language Link programs are effectively delivered by ambassadors within the school.
Academic Attainment Proven intervention programmes support children to make accelerated progress in reading, writing, phonics and maths.	- KS1 reading outcomes in 2024 show that more than 70% of disadvantaged pupils without SEN achieve ARE in reading, writing and maths. (National Average currently 64.9%) - KS1 phonics outcomes in 2024 show that 78% of disadvantaged pupils without SEN achieve the national average in the phonics screening test. - All staff trained in precision teaching and paired reading and analysis of these interventions show

	they have accelerated progress for disadvantaged children. • Clear programmes are set up for all SEND children. These are identified on PLPs and records kept of progress. • Paired reading techniques employed for identified children.
Social, Emotional and Mental Health and Wellbeing • Improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high levels of wellbeing as shown through: • Positive engagement of all PP families and children with school. • Improved Boxall scores and progress for children receiving ELSA support. • Introduction of the Thrive approach and the use of this to address gaps in wellbeing and increase Thrive scores as a result.
Attendance • Persistent absences reduced to in-line with or below national (figures) and attendance increased to in-line with or above national figures.	• PP children's attendance will be in line with national non-pupil premium data by the end of the 23/24 academic year. • Persistence absence percentage in line with national figures by the end of the 23/24 academic year.
Cultural Capital • Children have more opportunity to attend clubs and wider access to a range of enrichment opportunities.	• Targeted PP pupils increase attendance at clubs by the end of the 23/24 academic year. • Enrichment calendar shows a range of opportunities to deepen learning (cultural capital).

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: £11,335

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Continue to subscribe to a DfE validated Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme to secure consistent phonics teaching for all pupils (Little Wandle). Purchase further associated resources and additional phonetically decodable books to go with the scheme. <i>£1250 scheme</i> <i>£400 resources</i> <i>£1000 books</i> Little Wandle phonics programme is implemented with fidelity across the school.	EEF analysis of evidence and referral to Improving Literacy in KS1 (EEF) show this will have a high impact of results for all children. 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: Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	Challenge 1
Whole staff training and planning support for maths mastery using NCETM Maths and the Mastery Readiness Programme. Continued subject leader training and support for maths through Year 2 of the NCETM Mastery Readiness Programme. TA and Year leader maths subject specialist training <i>Maths team non-contact/release to attend training throughout year 6x ams £780</i> <i>additional non-contact for KS1 year teams to train, plan and implement NCETM materials 1 half day per half term £3,120</i> <i>non contact time to attend training as follows:</i> <i>NCETM training for TAs 4 days x 3 staff £1,145</i> <i>NCETM training for subject knowledge 3 days x 2 staff £1,560</i> <i>NCETM training for EY subject knowledge 4 days x 1 staff £1040</i> <i>NCETM training for SEN 3 days x 1 staff £780</i>	The 3rd Key Principle set out by the EEF guide to pupil premium states that 'good teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils.' Therefore, a key priority for the school is to identify specific staff and specific subject areas which require the most immediate CPD to ensure good teaching and careful planning. DfE guidance has been produced in conjunction with NCETM, based on evidence based approaches. The NCETM teaching for mastery approach is based on supporting research and evidence. https://www.ncetm.org.uk/teaching-for-mastery/mastery-explained/supporting-research-evidence-and-argument/	Challenge 1
Staff CPD and training in delivering reading practise sessions using Little Wandle training materials <i>£0</i>	EEF analysis of evidence and referral to Improving Literacy in KS1 (EEF) show this will have a high impact of results for all children.	Challenge 1

Disseminate Word Aware training <i>£260 non contact to plan training</i>	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)	Challenge 2
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Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost £16,575

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Small group phonics, reading and maths interventions for disadvantaged pupils falling behind age-related expectations <i>£15,000 total for LSAs to run interventions</i>	Small group tuition has an average impact of four months' additional progress over the course of a year. (EEF) Additional small group support can be effectively targeted at pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds, and should be considered as part of a school's pupil premium strategy. (EEF) https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/teaching-assistant-interventions	Challenge 1
Use of LSA to deliver speech programmes and small group Language Links speech programmes and the purchase of associated resources (Language Links programme) <i>Interventions £1200 (2 hrs per week)</i> <i>Language links program £375</i>	Oxford language report https://global.oup.com/education/content/dictionaries/key-issues/word-gap/?region=uk 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)	Challenge 2

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

Budgeted cost: £15,270

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Providing extracurricular activities, visits, events and clubs to support skills and self esteem <i>£350 educational visits/enrichment</i> <i>£250 club places</i>	It is proven that extra sports activities, social activities etc. contribute to a child's positive mental and physical wellbeing. Happy, healthy children learn better and are able to deal with social situations more effectively. 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): EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	Challenge 5
ELSA support and associated resources <i>£7500</i>	Individualised programmes of intervention for children experiencing emotional or social difficulties enable children to interact within their classes from a much more stable position. This in turn increases their capacity to learn and to engage within the classroom. Many research projects including the below advocate the use of and ELSA to improve learning prospects for individuals. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/331952634_The_Emotional_Literacy_Support_Assistant_ELSA_Programme_Can_you_develop_an_evidence_base_for_an_adaptive_intervention	Challenge 3
Thrive practitioner and resources (Thrive training was included in last year's budget) <i>£6000</i>	https://www.thriveapproach.com/impact-and-research/impact-of-thrive	Challenge 3
Reading evening and reading workshops for parents £0	The amount of reading that children engage in has been found to be important in the development of word reading. For example, Leppänen, Aunola, and Nurmi (2005) found that word reading skills predicted six- and seven-year-old Finnish children's amount of reading, with more competent readers more likely to read outside of school. The children most likely to progress well in literacy are those that believe that reading and writing are important, enjoyable, and achievable. (Reading) interactions need to be enjoyable for both the child and parent for them to be of benefit. https://d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net/documents/guidance/Literacy_Development_Evidence_Review.pdf?v=1668768567	Challenge 1

	The EEF toolkit sets out the impact of parental engagement and involving parents in their children's learning activities. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagement EEF research has also highlighted the positive effect of homework and importance of early reading.	
Doodle maths subscription <i>£1,020</i>	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/homework Impact of homework can make up to 5 months progress. EEF research states that the quality of the task is more important than the quantity of work required. Doodle Maths advocates a "little and often" approach which can be used and linked to interventions and class lessons. The system also provides immediate feedback and is intuitive as it adapts to the children, providing more challenging activities as children progress.	Challenge 1
Milk <i>£150</i>	Milk provides children with key nutrients needed for good nutrition and cognitive functioning https://www.snma.org.uk/research	Challenge 3

Total budgeted cost: £43,180

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

Outline outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in the 2022 to 2023 academic year and explain how their performance has been assessed.

The school had 37% of pupils in receipt of pupil premium last year; 22% of these were service children and 15% were disadvantaged.

We have analysed the performance of our school's disadvantaged pupils in the 2022/23 academic year using Key Stage 1 performance data, EYFS outcomes, phonics check data and internal assessments.

	All ARE+	Disadvantaged ARE +	All GDS	Disadvantaged GDS
Reading	70.8%	70%	40.3%	60%
Writing	65.3%	60%	22.2%	30%
Maths	72.2%	60%	27.8%	10%

Assessment shows we have worked hard to close the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils at ARE and GDS, where our disadvantaged pupils outperformed all pupils in reading and writing. The gap remains wider in maths at both ARE and GDS. This is our focus for the coming year.

	All	Disadvantaged
Phonics	86.9%	90.9%

The number of pupils with PA over the last year has decreased, although the gap between attendance for disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils remains. This continues to be a focus for the coming year.

We continue to see a deterioration in the mental health of children and an increasing number of children with specific needs. Parental mental health issues are also having an impact on children's welfare and ensuring we are meeting the needs of the whole family is becoming a much greater focus for the school.

We have recently introduced the Thrive approach in school and will be using PP funding to fully embed this strategy across the school, particularly for those children who are disadvantaged over the coming year

