

Berkswell CE Primary School Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

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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	Berkswell CE Primary
Number of pupils in school	205 (excluding EYFS)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	13% (excluding EYFS)
Academic year that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2023/2024 2024/2025 2025/2026
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	October 2026
Statement authorised by	Tracy Drew Head teacher
Pupil premium lead	Tracy Drew Head teacher
Governor	Chris Casey

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year (2025– 2026)	£68,235
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£68,235

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Berkswell CE Primary School, pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding make up 13% of the school population.

We are committed to ensuring our disadvantaged pupils receive teaching that is at least good in every lesson and that targeted intervention takes place when necessary. Funding is therefore used to develop high quality teaching, provide academic support and is also used to ensure pupils are given as many opportunities as possible to enhance their learning; this includes enabling all pupils to access a range of extra-curricular activities. We also aim to ensure that the emotional and mental health and wellbeing needs of this group of pupils is met and work hard to provide additional pastoral support for children and their families.

Quality first teaching lies at the heart of our strategy proven to make the most impact in closing attainment gaps whilst also challenging those who are high attainers. As part of this process both non-disadvantaged and disadvantaged children will be included in small group work interventions provided across the year.

Each child is an individual and the school will respond as such. It is vital there is a collegiate approach by the whole school to raise expectation for all pupils especially those who are disadvantaged.

All members of the school community are encouraged to work hard to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to flourish.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	The school has identified pupil premium pupils that need rapid intervention to catch up quickly or to make accelerated progress from their starting points in the core subjects. This is mirrored in national data.
2	A proportion of children specifically need support in oral literacy and phonic development.
3	It has been observed that pupils who have low self-esteem, often lack confidence, so struggle to achieve their true potential. A number of children have more complex needs, including attachment and fetal alcohol disorders due to their early life experiences.
4	Pupils who are absent for substantial parts of their education fall behind and struggle to catch up. The attendance of disadvantaged pupils is 93% - below the attendance for non-disadvantaged pupils.
5	Some of our children suffer from high anxiety and come from families where there is a history of poor mental health that is impacting on their mental health and well-being

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
All disadvantaged children will pass the phonics test unless they have a cognitive learning difficulty.	The current reading scheme will be supplemented, and phonics will continue to be seen in matched decodable books. Timely intervention will be put in place to support groups of children whose gaps are not closing. All disadvantaged children will pass phonics, unless there are specific SEND needs which will continue to be supported.
Raise attainment in each year group for disadvantaged pupils in Reading to be in line with non-disadvantaged pupils.	The targeted intervention work is of a high quality, staff are trained and confident in the delivery. Impact of the interventions are reviewed half-termly – leading to the narrowing of gaps.
Raise attainment in each year group for disadvantaged pupils in Writing to be in line with non-disadvantaged pupils.	The targeted intervention work is of a high quality, staff are trained and confident in the delivery. Impact of the interventions are reviewed half-termly – leading to the narrowing of gaps. Talk4Writing approach improves outcomes across the school. Further review of our approach to writing, handwriting and spelling help to reduce any gaps further.
Raise attainment in each year group for disadvantaged pupils in Maths to be in line with non-disadvantaged pupils.	The Mastering Number Programme Reception and KS1 – Maths Hub leads to less gaps in understanding as the children move to KS2 A focus on the basic skills in Maths, with regular reviews ensures both disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged groups learn more and remember more.
Improve attendance of disadvantaged pupils to be in line with school averages	Attendance tracker shows improved attendance for identified children. Gaps are reducing within school and attendance for disadvantaged children is always above that of national for this group of learners.
Improved emotional well-being and mental health for all children, particularly those who are disadvantaged.	Learning behaviours are improved affecting attainment. Attendance is improved across the year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shown through the voice of both parents and children. - Reduction in logged behaviour incidents - Wider involvement of children in enrichment activities. Carefully targeted support in school supports our vulnerable families and external support is signposted.

Disadvantaged pupils to have the same opportunities as non-disadvantaged pupils including access to extra-curricular activities	School will ensure that there are the same opportunities for disadvantaged pupils and will actively encourage these children to partake in a range of extra-curricular activities including music, performance, theatre, sporting activities. Engagement of disadvantaged pupils in extracurricular activities will increase.
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Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium this academic year to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £3,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
The Mastering Number Programme Reception and KS1 – Maths Hub leads to less gaps in understanding as the children move to KS2.	Acquiring a deep, long-term secure and adaptable understanding of number – the school is taking part in the Maths Hub Mastering Number Project. EEF Maths Mastery +2 months progress	1
Develop staff understanding of attachment disorder and provide support around behaviour management.	The average impact of behaviour interventions is four additional months' progress over the course of a year. Evidence suggests that, on average, behaviour interventions can produce moderate improvements in academic performance along with a decrease in problematic behaviours. However, estimated benefits vary widely across programmes. EEF – Behaviour Interventions +4 months	2
Review provision of phonics and Early Reading to ensure high-level provision. Review current reading scheme and purchase new books to ensure that they match the sounds pupils are learning. Provide a workshop for parents to support Early Reading. Training for staff.	Phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very extensive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds 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 EEF Phonics - average +5 months	1 2

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

Budgeted cost: £37,735

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Train support staff with appropriate approaches and pedagogy to teaching interventions. eg. Application of Rosenshine Principles	High quality short focussed teaching interventions improve learning – supported by the class teacher and through training. EEF- Teaching Assistant Interventions +3 months	1 2 3
Targeted group intervention work linked to reading following teacher baseline assessments in the autumn term.	The average impact of reading comprehension strategies is an additional six months' progress over the course of a year. Successful reading comprehension approaches allow activities to be carefully tailored to pupils' reading capabilities, and involve activities and texts that provide an effective, but not overwhelming, challenge. EEF Reading Comprehension Strategies +6 months	1 2 3
Purchasing of on-line and practical resources to support learning at home.	Homework has a positive impact on average +3 months Feedback on homework had higher impacts on learning. The easy access and engagement in material is vital. EEF – Homework +3 months	1 4
Small phonics and writing groups established in KS1.	Phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very extensive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF EEF Phonics - Average +5 months	1 2 3
Directed intervention work within the classroom by the class teachers (bespoke and purchased).	Teacher directed intervention within lessons, through specific grouping. EEF – Within Class Attaining Groups – +2 months	1

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

Budgeted cost: £27,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Attendance tracking of all pupil premium children, supported by CSAW to implement intervention plans when necessary.	<p>Parental engagement has a positive impact on average of 4 months' additional progress. It is crucial to consider how to engage with all parents to avoid widening attainment gaps. Children who are absent for substantial parts of their education fall behind and struggle to catch up.</p> <p>EEF Parental Engagement +5 months</p>	<p>3 4</p>
Community Family Mentor support for vulnerable children and families (contribution towards).	<p>Parental Engagement has a positive impact of 4 months additional progress. Improved mental health enables children to perform better academically.</p> <p>EEF Parental Engagement +5 months</p> <p>EEF Social and Emotional +3/4 months</p>	<p>4 5</p>
Training, developing and resourcing the schools Mental Health action plan linked to the forming of a Mental Health and Well-Being group.	<p>Evidence is limited but pupils with improved mental health generally perform better academically and have higher self-esteem. When children have a positive approach to learning they will know more and remember more.</p> <p>EEF Social and Emotional +3/4 months</p>	<p>3 5</p>
External agency support for identified children, OT, Educational Psychologist, Links Therapy etc.	<p>Specific expert support from external agencies will help to shape provision for children with more complex needs.</p>	<p>1 3 5</p>
<p>Extra-curricular clubs and activities are open to all through funding.</p> <p>All enrichment activities are funded when required.</p>	<p>Ensure there is increased attendance at enrichment and extra-curricular activities overcoming any barriers. This includes trips and residential.</p> <p>EEF Aspiration Intervention – Arts/ PE intervention</p>	<p>4 5</p>

Total budgeted cost: £68,500

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 2024 to 2025 academic year.

Intended outcome (progress 2024 – 2025)	
All disadvantaged children will pass the phonics test unless they have a cognitive learning difficulty.	There were 2 PP children in Year 1 – 100% achieved the Phonics standard.
Raise attainment in each year group for disadvantaged pupils in Reading to be in line with non-disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Across the school 67% of PP children achieved expected standard or above with 33% working towards, many of these children have additional needs and are making good progress.</p> <p>In Year 6 there were 10 PP children, out of the 9 children who sat the test – 78% (7) reached expected standard. Non-disadvantaged – 81%.</p>
Raise attainment in each year group for disadvantaged pupils in Writing to be in line with non-disadvantaged pupils.	<p>The targeted intervention work is of a high quality, staff are trained and confident in the delivery.</p> <p>Impact of the interventions are reviewed half-termly – leading to the narrowing of gaps.</p> <p>Talk4Writing approach improves outcomes across the school.</p> <p>Across the school 54% of PP children achieved expected standard in writing and 46% are working towards, many of these children have additional needs.</p> <p>In Year 6 there were 10 PP children, 70 % (7) reached the expected standard in writing. Non-disadvantaged – 74%.</p>
Raise attainment in each year group for disadvantaged pupils in Maths to be in line with non-disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Small group interventions targets successfully, those children with the largest gaps in number.</p> <p>The Mastering Number Programme Reception and KS1 – Maths Hub leads to less gaps in understanding as the children move to KS2</p> <p>Across the school 72% of PP children achieved expected standard and above.</p> <p>In year 6 there were 10 PP children, 9 who sat the Maths tests out of those 78% (7) achieved expected standard. Non-disadvantaged – 89%.</p>
Improve attendance of disadvantaged pupils to be in line with school averages	Attendance tracker shows improved attendance for identified children. Gaps are reducing within school and attendance for disadvantaged children is always above that of national for this group of learners.

<p>Improved emotional well-being and mental health for all children, particularly those who are disadvantaged.</p>	<p>Behaviour is very good, the school responds quickly to both individual and family needs, providing early help support.</p> <p>Those children with specific behavioural needs are supported well by experienced teaching assistants who have attended related training.</p>
<p>Disadvantaged pupils to have the same opportunities as non-disadvantaged pupils including access to extra-curricular activities</p>	<p>The participation in extra-curricular activities is audited, there are no barriers to children accessing enrichment activities. Trips extra are funded as are clubs. The school supports payment for wraparound before and after school places for individual cases.</p>