

Pupil premium strategy statement – Grange Primary



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	Grange Primary School
Number of pupils in school	298
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	7.4% (national 22.4%)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021-2024
Date this statement was published	September 2021
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2022
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£33,621
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£3,190
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	£36,811

Statement of intent

Our intention is that pupils at Grange Primary will make expected progress in reading, writing and maths, through quality first teaching and increased opportunities for reinforcement of learning at home. We aim for disadvantaged pupils to have access to a wide range of interventions in schools to meet their academic, mental wellbeing and/or SEND needs, including progress for those who are already high attainers.

Our approach will be rooted in robust diagnostic assessment. The approaches we have adopted will be evidenced based and 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

We will also consider the challenges faced by educationally disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils, such as those who are looked after, have a social worker, are young carers and have additional needs. The activity we have outlined in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are classified as "pupil premium" or not.

Quality-first teaching is integral to our approach, ensuring that areas in which disadvantaged pupils require support are a key focus. This ensures that all pupils, disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged, benefit from high-quality teaching. It is our intention to close the attainment gap for all pupils.

We will provide an intensive pastoral support service for pupils and parents, identified by school as vulnerable or in need. We will aim for disadvantaged pupils to increase their attendance at school, therefore closing the gap between themselves and non-disadvantaged pupils and thus enabling them to experience the full learning experience at Grange Primary.

We will facilitate pupils accessing a wide range of enrichment experiences both in and out of school, which will positively impact on their academic achievement and well-being.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Our attendance data shows that attendance amongst disadvantaged pupils overall is lower due to a higher level of persistent absence. 15.6% of disadvantaged pupils have been 'persistently absent' compared to 10.8% of their peers during that period. Our assessments and observations indicate that absenteeism is negatively impacting disadvantaged pupils' progress and attainment.
2	The wellbeing of many of our disadvantaged pupils has been impacted by partial school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils. These findings are supported by national studies. Currently 57% of our current disadvantaged children have had access to additional support from external agencies and internal support since school closures such as counselling, support with inclusion lead and interventions.
3	32% of our disadvantaged pupils require additional speech and language support when they enter school. Of last year's EYFS cohort, one third of non-disadvantaged children were below expectations in their speaking and listening skills compared to one half of disadvantaged children.
4	Homework records and engagement in home learning show that 53% of disadvantaged pupils do not consistently access the learning set compared to 14% of their non-disadvantaged peers. Therefore, having a greater awareness of the expectations of each key stage and year group is needed to encourage a partnership in learning and an understanding of the value of all learning activities.
5	End of KS2 data shows that 33% of disadvantaged pupils achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to 77% of non-disadvantaged pupils and 71% of all pupils. 0% achieved the greater depth standard, compared to 8%. Progress data between KS1 and KS2 is expected for disadvantaged pupils; however, over 25% of non-disadvantaged pupils made accelerated progress. Attainment and progress is not as high for disadvantaged pupils.
6	Assessments, observations and discussions with pupils show that disadvantaged pupils don't perform as well in phonics as their peers. Of the current year 2 pupils, 94% of non-disadvantaged children achieved the pass score compared with 66% disadvantaged children. This negatively impacts their development as readers. Current disadvantaged children came up to year 3 with an average standardised score of 94 for reading as opposed to 99.5 for non-disadvantaged children (excluding children on the SEN register). Whilst the data shows improvements in phonics for disadvantaged pupils, it is not yet in line with their peers.

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
Attendance of disadvantaged pupils increases.	Improved attendance including persistent absentees to at least in line with the national average or better. (96% attendance and less than 13.6% persistent absence).
Pupils' emotional wellbeing is fully supported to ensure it does not become a barrier to learning.	Systems are in place to identify pupils' needs. Appropriate tailored provision is in place so that pupils' attainment, progress and attendance is in line with national average.
Improved speech and language skills. Speech and language will be screened and difficulties will be addressed through NELI intervention or referral to Speech Therapy made.	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved speech and language among disadvantaged pupils to bring them in line with their peers. All pupils will achieve the early learning goal in speaking. Where the early learning goal is met, early interventions are put in place and progress tracked regularly.
Pupils engage in homework/remote education/learning set out of school and there is good home/school communication	Home-school records, homework platforms and topic work show that all children are accessing learning activities set. Parent appointments and meetings are attended and collaborative work between the school and parents is taking place.
Pupils make at least expected progress in reading, writing and maths. All disadvantaged pupils without SEND to attain in line with their peers.	85% of all pupils make expected progress. All pupils without SEND attain the national average for all subjects (65% reading, writing and maths combined).
Improved attainment and progress in phonics.	Phonics attainment is at least in line with national average for all pupils.

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: £8,300

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Purchase of DfE validated phonics program. Little Wandle phonics scheme, training for staff, Quality of Education assistant head. Diagnostic test for children not achieving pass score.	<p>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:</p> <p>Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</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>Standardised tests Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	6

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

Budgeted cost: £16,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Quality first teaching for all pupils and access to high-quality CPD for all staff.</p> <p>Pupil Progress meetings track progress of PP pupils and appropriate, timely interventions are put in place.</p>	<p>EEF guide to pupil premium – tiered approach – teaching is the top priority, including CPD. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Pupil_Premium_Guidance_iPDF.pdf</p> <p>Sutton Trust – quality first teaching has direct impact on student outcomes.</p> <p>Training and supporting highly qualified teachers deliver targeted support.</p>	5
<p>LSAs trained to assess pupils with NELI materials. LSAs to carry out NELI interventions</p> <p>Specialist LSA to work alongside Speech and Language Therapist to target speech sound problems.</p>	<p>Speech and language are one of the main barriers to pupils progressing in reading, writing, maths and the wider curriculum.</p> <p>Speech and language data shows that if gaps in language are targeted then progress is accelerated. 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)</p> <p>There is a strong evidence base that suggests oral language interventions, including dialogic activities such as high-quality classroom discussion, are inexpensive to implement with high impacts on reading: Oral language interventions Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	3 and 5

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

Budgeted cost: £12,510

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Rigorous systems in place to ensure improved attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tracking and identification ● First-day calling ● Welfare checks ● Welfare meetings ● Specialist support 	Attendance data Data shows pupils with highest attendance make the most progress due to increased opportunities for overlearning and access to a personalised curriculum. Dedicated person who monitors attendance and who has a good relationship with parents is most effective at ensuring good pupil attendance. The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.	1 and 5
TPP is embedded across the school with in-depth training for staff through INSET. Practice is monitored to ensure a deep understanding of pupils' needs. Support for children and families through Early help, CIN or CP meetings	Children struggle less coming into school as emotional needs are being met. Less absence. 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(education endowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1, 2 and 4

Total budgeted cost: £ 36,810

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 2020 to 2021 academic year.

Covid related remote learning from January 2021 – March 2021 led to National tests again being cancelled– there is therefore no national data. Internal data at the end of key stage 2 shows that the performance of disadvantaged pupils is lower than non-disadvantaged pupils (33% vs 71% combined). Therefore, this remains a key priority for our 3-year strategy.

To raise standards in phonics/reading fluency for disadvantaged pupils, Collins Big Cat phonically decodable reading scheme in KS1 was purchased to raise reading standards and ensure children are able to access reading books at their own level, and in KS2 to expose children to a wider range of texts and encourage them to read for pleasure. Small group phonic interventions were implemented for pupils to catch up and ensure that all teaching and support staff are trained in the effective delivery of this. LSAs delivered focused, targeted interventions for disadvantaged pupils in reading, writing and maths under the direction of the SENCO, who supports in planning, modelling and delivery. Rigorous monitoring and tracking of pupils ensured support is effective.

To ensure that disadvantaged pupils are not held back due to speech and language difficulties, our speech and language specialist LSA ran individual speech interventions as well as small group vocabulary interventions in KS1. In KS2, 1:1 sessions were carried out by the SENCO.

The Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) was purchased for EYFS and Year 1. LSAs and Teachers were trained in the Autumn term, however screening was due to take place in January and was not able to take place because of lockdown. NELI will take place this coming year.

In the autumn and summer term, rigorous monitoring and attendance policy procedures were in place and regular engagement was made with families, supporting children's return to school (monitoring, first day calling, phone calls, welfare checks, attendance meetings and attendance rewards and incentives). Of the pupils who were persistent absentees, 43% were disadvantaged and 57% non. Persistent absence remains a whole-school focus.

In response to children's mental health and Covid related trauma all relevant staff received training on TPP (Trauma Perspective Practice) and Emotional resilience. Resources were purchased and monitoring of class and group work was carried out by the Inclusion Manager and leadership team. Through the provision of Tier 2 counselling, 1:1 pastoral sessions and positive mental health sessions as part of the curriculum, children received the support they required in order to facilitate a situation conducive to learning