

Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

Woodlands Park Primary and Nursery School

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils for 2024-2025

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	Information
School name	Woodlands Park Primary and Nursery School
Number of pupils in school	164
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	(62 pupils) 39%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	Reception – Year 6
Date this statement was published	November 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2025
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Total budget for this academic year	£111,000

Part A: Pupil premium / Recovery premium/ School led tutoring strategy plan

Statement of intent

Pupil premium strategy statement - The Pupil Premium Grant is allocated to schools by the government to provide funding for the following policies:

- Raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities to reach their potential;
- Supporting children and young people with parents in the regular armed forces.

Whilst allocated on a per pupil basis, the grant may be spent for the educational benefit of all pupils registered at our school. We recognise that not all children attracting Pupil Premium will need support or are disadvantaged and that not all pupils who are 'disadvantaged' or need support are eligible for pupil premium. The attainment of all pupils, including Pupil Premium children, is measured through half termly pupil progress meetings where there is a focus on individual children to ensure that they are all meeting their targets. Those who are not will receive targeted support. Pupil Premium Funding and the impact of this is a regular item on the agenda at Local Governing Body Meetings.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Language, communication skills and vocabulary
2	High aspiration, emotional resilience, greater confidence and independence
3	Emotional, social and behavioural difficulties
4	Punctuality and attendance (linked to SEND, medical and unauthorised family holidays)
5	Access to extra-curricular activities (e.g educational experiences such as trips and participation in physical activities and a range of enrichment activities)
6	Mental health and well-being of children and families
7	Encouraging sustained engagement of parents to assist and support their children's learning within a calm family environment
8	Sustaining the breadth of provision with trained, skilled staff within the budget
9	Accelerating achievement and progress within the core subjects and phonics with a particular focus on writing and mathematics

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
High aspiration and rates of achievement across EYFS, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two for all children eligible for PP, with particular emphasis on the expected prior attainment group with the aspiration of a higher proportion meeting ARE and achieving greater depth by the end of Year 6.	All disadvantaged pupils, regardless of prior attainment, achieve well and make at least as much progress as their similar peers.
Improved parental engagement will support better working partnerships with parents for better academic success and higher aspirations for our pupils.	Parents actively engaged in their children's learning, promoting and encouraging high aspirations shown through parental surveys, engagement in parent workshops.
Attendance and punctuality to remain high.	Attendance levels in line or above national figures for PP Children. Persistent absence to decrease so that PP pupils are in line with or better than school and national attendance figures.
For disadvantaged pupils' social, emotional and mental health needs to be met	Pupils have a 'growth mind-set' greater resilience, independence and confidence to engage with learning opportunities that are both challenging and engaging regardless of prior attainment. A trauma informed approach is developed and used by all staff to manage challenging behaviours ELSA pre and post questionnaire show improvement in targeted attitudes and behaviour. Pupils' emotional literacy is developed resulting in greater personal resilience.
Specifically focus on and deliberately target the development, use and broadening of tier 2 vocabularies in particular across all subject area.	Close the vocabulary gap between those who are disadvantaged and those who are not, supporting every individual child to succeed. Pupils make rapid progress by the end of the year so that all children eligible for PP make good progress from starting points, meeting or close to meeting age-related expectations and/or above. This is shown through assessments, learning walks, book scrutiny and engagement in lessons.
Provide cultural capital experiences, raising aspirations and new interests.	All disadvantaged pupils are highly engaged in the school experience. They are eager to try new experiences and discover new interests and skills.

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: £60,500 approx.

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Quality First Teaching and targeted CPD</p> <p>1:1 Pupil Mentoring</p> <p>Coaching/mentoring for teachers</p> <p>Additional planning time for teachers</p>	<p>To improve the teaching quality in every classroom provide targeted coaching, mentoring and CPD. Quality first teaching has the greatest impact on pupil progress (EEF Guide to PP)</p> <p>Personalised support for children, where class teachers work with pupils on individual targets, next steps and how to meet them. For pupils to have the opportunity to discuss their attitudes, concerns. Improve self-confidence (One to One Tuition EEF)</p> <p>In-class support, to support groups of pupils and to allow class teachers to work with groups of children and carry out 1:1 pupil mentoring. Social and emotional support for pupils to enable them to learn and manage their feelings and access class learning (Small Group Tuition EEF).</p> <p>Deliberately targeting the development, use and broadening of tier 2 vocabularies across all subject areas, with the aim of ‘closing the vocabulary gap’ between those who are disadvantaged and those who are not, supporting every individual child to succeed. Quality first planning, teaching and learning to bridge the gaps in learning, particularly focusing on reading, writing and mathematics caused as a result of school disruption.</p> <p>Quality first teaching focusing on promoting well-being and resilience using Jigsaw (Jigsaw REST). Personalised and small group support for children to improve self-confidence and growth mind-set.</p>	<p>1,2,3,4,6,8,9</p>
<p>Interventions and booster groups, including same day interventions</p>	<p>Smaller groups and 1:1 will allow for more focussed teaching and learning and increased opportunities to address individual needs. Pre-teaching, particularly on tier 2 vocabularies, to prepare pupils for future learning and build increased confidence to enable pupils to access the curriculum at a similar level to their peers. Improve learning outcomes across the whole of the curriculum with particular emphasis on reading, writing and mathematics. Time for practice and application of skills. Build confidence and raise achievement in English and Mathematics through targeted support.</p>	<p>1,2,6,9</p>
	<p>(EEF Maths Guidance) (EEF Literacy Guidance)</p>	

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

Budgeted cost: £10,500 (supported by school lead tutoring grant)

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Speech and language therapy sessions	Accelerated progress for children who have been identified as having a specific need. Provide targeted speech and language support for any pupils particularly within the EYFS (Oral Language Interventions EEF).	1,2,3,9
SEND/Inclusion lead meetings with Class teachers (including half termly pupil progress meetings) CPD re: ASD, S&L, attendance and SEND additional needs	Barriers to learning identified and strategies suggested. Teachers confident and focussed in meeting individual pupil's needs. High quality focussed CPD for all staff to maintain high standards of teaching within an inclusive school. Enabling the needs of all learners to be effectively met with teaching and learning that is responsive to need (EEF Effective CPD).	8,9

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

Budgeted cost: £ 35,000 approx

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
ELSA 1:1 and small group sessions	Social and emotional support for pupils with emotional needs to enable them to learn and manage their feelings and access class learning. Improve self-esteem, social skills and behaviour of identified pupils leading to increased confidence and attainment in the classroom (EEF Social and Emotional Learning)	2,3,6,8

Time to Talk 1:1 and small social group sessions	Provide children with the space and time to talk, including developing their social and emotional skills (Time to Talk Intervention).	1,2,3,6
Alternative provision	Muddy Me Alternative Provision to support PP children with SEMH needs. The alternative provision offsite provision that supports emotional and mental needs and helps them with behaviour and emotional resilience in school.	1,3,6
Enrichment activities (including school clubs, trips and outside provider clubs)	PP children to access at least one extra-curricular club. When a child enjoys a club, trip or activity, this can be a hook for them wanting to come to school. It gives pupils the experiences on which they can draw upon and increases their cultural capital. This can help to diminish the difference between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils. Pupils able to participate fully in school clubs, trips. PP pupils paid for residential PGL visit. Learning is supported by clubs and trips that are carefully planned to enhance the school's curriculum. Pupils enjoy the experience of being at school, talents, skills and efforts in non-academic subjects are celebrated and support the development of self-confidence. Help children create positive friendships and develop social skills. Reduced incidents of disruptive behaviour. Pupils enjoy coming to school.	5
Breakfast Club/Wellbeing Afterschool Club	Support children and families with a calm start to the morning, so that children are physically and emotionally ready for school. Ensure that children have a healthy breakfast at the start of the day to sustain them with energy and better concentration in learning opportunities. Support daily attendance and punctuality at school. Support working families who need extra childcare at the end of the day.	4,5,6
Senior Mental Health Lead	Grant-funded senior lead training received that meets the specific needs of each individual, helping them develop either i) all the learning outcomes, or ii) focussing on specific aspects / priority learning needs; and, supports them not only by increasing knowledge but crucially also giving them the practical skills and tools to be able to effect positive whole school or college change (Mental Health Lead in Schools).	2,3,6,7,8

<p>Pastoral manager – bespoke support to families (including Early Help/ Attendance/Transition)</p>	<p>Specific individual support provided to families, enabling a calmer more stable home environment. Parents supported to ensure that children’s well-being and emotional needs are being appropriately prioritised. Attendance is high profile at all times (DofE Attendance Guidance May 2022)</p> <p>There is statistical evidence that low attendance / persistent absence directly impacts on the rate of progress that children make. Being away from school can also affect self-esteem and confidence for pupils on their return and therefore impact on their ability to learn. Ensure that periods of transition between one phase and the next, including moving on to feeder schools is effective.</p>	<p>4,6,7</p>
<p>Bespoke 1:1 communication/meetings/support between parents and the class teacher, and or the SENDCO</p>	<p>For pupils and parents to be aware of achievements. Time given to discuss attendance, achievement, targets and next steps. To support parents in better understanding how to support their own child’s learning and development, including good attendance at school (EEF supporting-parents).</p>	<p>4,6,7</p>
<p>Parent / carer workshops and cafes</p>	<p>Provide regular opportunities for parents to engage with their own child’s learning and development. Promoting positive partnerships and conversations with parents about learning with school and between the parent and their child. Promoting positive partnerships and conversations with parents about learning with school and between the parent and their child.</p>	<p>7</p>

The impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils can be found under academic performance - <https://www.woodlandsparkschool.co.uk/academic-performance/>