

Pupil premium strategy statement – Christleton Primary School

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All schools that receive pupil premium (and recovery premium) are required to use this template to complete and publish a pupil premium statement on their school website by 31 December every academic year.

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This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery 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 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year.

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	216
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	3.7
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2022/2023 2023/2024
Date this statement was published	September 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2025
Statement authorised by	Mr Mitchell
Pupil premium lead	Mr Mitchell/ Mrs Bingham
Governor / Trustee lead	Mrs Gibson

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£23190
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£500
Pupil premium (and recovery premium*) funding carried forward from previous years (<i>enter £0 if not applicable</i>) <i>*Recovery premium received in academic year 2021 to 2022 can be carried forward to academic year 2022 to 2023. Recovery premium received in academic year 2022 to 2023 cannot be carried forward to 2023 to 2024.</i>	£0
Total budget for this academic year <i>If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year</i>	£23690

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Christleton Primary School, we believe that the highest possible standards can only be achieved by having the highest expectations of all learners. Some pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds require additional support; therefore, we will use all the resources available to help them reach their full potential, including the pupil premium grant (PPG).

We believe in maximising the use of the pupil premium grant (PPG) by utilising a long-term strategy aligned to our School Development Plan. This enables us to implement a blend of short, medium and long-term interventions, and align pupil premium use with wider school improvements and improving readiness to learn.

Overcoming barriers to learning is at the heart of our PPG use. We understand that needs and costs will differ depending on the barriers to learning being addressed. As such, we do not automatically allocate personal budgets per pupil in receipt of the PPG. Instead, we identify the barrier to be addressed and the interventions required, whether in small groups, large groups, the whole school or as individuals, and allocate a budget accordingly.

High-quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time will benefit the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers.

1. Our priorities

Setting priorities is key to maximising the use of the PPG. Our priorities are as follows:

1. Ensuring 'outstanding' teaching in every classroom
2. Closing the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers and ensuring that disadvantage pupils are challenged in the work that they are set and high expectations of what they can achieve are supported by all staff.
3. Providing targeted academic support for pupils who are not making the expected progress
4. Addressing non-academic barriers to attainment such as attendance and behaviour
5. Ensuring that the PPG reaches the pupils who need it most
6. Ensuring early intervention is implemented as soon as need is identified.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers. This negatively impacts their development as readers.
2	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional issues for many of our disadvantaged pupils. This has an impact on their socially and on their attainment.
3	Monitoring of attendance has indicated that those classed as disadvantaged have poorer attendance overall than non-disadvantaged.
4	Monitoring, both internal and external, has indicated that teaching is outstanding in most classrooms but continued focus on teaching and learning will lead to embedding strong practice across the school in line with current research.
5	The relatively small number of disadvantaged children means that identifying specific gaps can be problematic as many of the issues are specific to individual children rather than groups of children. As a school we therefore take more individualised approaches when required but also follow research and guidance on best practice for disadvantaged children and embedding this in our approach.

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 quality teaching is delivered in all classrooms consistently and adaptations are in place to remove barriers for disadvantaged pupils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustained high quality teaching is present in all classrooms Barriers to learning are quickly identified and appropriate strategies are being utilised to support pupils.
To continue to embed and strengthen the use of retrieval and questioning strategies as a part of quality first teaching strategies to promote excellent knowledge retention and retrieval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The use of retrieval and questioning strategies to support learning is embedded in all classrooms Children efficiently acquire, rehearse and connect their knowledge leading to increased attainment across school leading to the majority of children working at or above the expected standard at the end of key stage.

To achieve and sustain improved attendance and punctuality for all children in our school but especially our disadvantaged children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The attendance percentage increases over time. • Targeted actions reduce lateness and absence for specific children. • The percentage of children who are persistently absent is below 5% The schools' absence and persistent absence rates remain well below national.
To continue to ensure securing early reading skills and phonic knowledge are secure in disadvantaged children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments and observations indicate the reading skills of disadvantaged children is improved as a result of intervention and quality first teaching.
To continue to achieve and sustain improved mental health and wellbeing among disadvantaged children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observations and pupil and parent voice indicate that disadvantaged children have positive mental health and well-being is high. • Low incidents of poor behaviour

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: £ 9000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Deliver the Neli programme within EYFS and year one.	EEF evidence supports that development of early communication skills benefits the children academically supporting them to achieve their potential.	1,2,
Additional Adults support within school especially within the ks2 classes	Greater capacity to provide intervention, 1:1 or small group can support pupil learning. This will be provided in addition to and explicitly linked with normal lessons. Strategic deployment of TAs ensures that priority pupils are supported. EEF	1,4,5

<p>Enhancement of our English and maths curriculums in line with DfE and EEF guidance.</p> <p>(Funding of subject leader and teacher release time to embed key elements and access resources)</p>	<p>Quality first teaching ensures that needs are met in the first instance. Ensuring teaching is at least good in all classrooms and that the curriculum is coherently planned will support all children, but particularly the disadvantaged</p>	1,4,5
<p>Ensure best practice is shared and developed in all classrooms and teachers continue to be reflective on their teaching through continued investment in the schools coaching programme.</p>	<p>EEF</p> <p>Quality first teaching is provided in all classrooms ensuring the teaching and learning is adapted to meet the needs of each and every child.</p>	4,5
<p>Ensure staff are supported to embed key teaching strategies such as retrieval and questioning.</p> <p>(Funding of subject leader and teacher release time to embed key elements and access resources)</p>	<p>Retrieval practice is strongly supported by over 100 years of research and is one of only two learning techniques rated by Dunlosky et al (2013) as having 'high utility' for classroom practice- EEF</p>	4,5

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

Budgeted cost: £ 6000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Annual phonics support from RWI portal to ensure continued strong teaching in phonics across teachers and support staff. Release</p>	<p>Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds</p>	1,4,5

time for RWI lead to monitor and develop phonics provision.		
Additional phonics sessions targeted at those children requiring additional phonics support.	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 periods up to 12 weeks EEF – Phonics - Toolkit strand	

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

Budgeted cost: £ 10,000.

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Whole staff training on Zones of Regulation with the aim of ensuring that all children are able to self-regulate their emotions and be ready for learning.	Social and emotional skills support effective learning are linked to positive outcomes later in life. EEF – Improving behaviour in schools.	2
Embed the principles of the DfE's Improving School Attendance advice. This will involve CPD for the school office staff and release time for senior leaders to develop and implement new procedures and systems.	Engagement with families significantly reduced persistent absence. School attendance is linked to positive educational outcomes.	2,3
Further develop the schools capacity to deliver mental health and Social and emotional support through the release time of the SENDco, and the purchase of 'Kapow' to support PHSE and the wellbeing of all pupils	Extensive evidence links the development of social and emotional skills in childhood improved educational outcomes. EEF	2

Total budgeted cost: £ 25,000.

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

2023-2024

The school continued its commitment to ensuring that all children especially those with disadvantage have access to outstanding teaching with continued professional development on retrieval practices, questioning, Rosenshine's principles and Quality First Teaching strategies. Outcomes of this continued support led to observations indicating that teachers are confident to use a range of quality first teaching strategies including the '5 a day' as recommended by the EEF. Lesson observations and learning walks indicate strong practice where retrieval, high quality questioning and Rosenshine's principles of instruction are used consistently in teaching. These improvements resulted in better progress evidenced in pupil workbooks, outcomes and voice. High quality teaching and learning will continue to be a key intended outcome in PP strategies as the positive impact can be seen on the outcomes of all children especially those who are disadvantaged.

The school has induction processes, systems and materials to ensure that staff new to the school were able to quickly adapt to expectations.

There was a continued focus on the school's phonics resources, delivery and schemes including the employment of a new RWI lead who is highly experienced in the monitoring and delivery of the RWI scheme. Internal monitoring has noted continued consistency of delivery which has resulted in consistently strong phonics scores within EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. Further development and training will be planned into subsequent PP plans to ensure all staff have the knowledge to deliver effective phonics teaching and standards of early reading and writing remain high across school.

The use of the PP grant continued to be supportive to ensure that disadvantaged children were able to take part in all curriculum opportunities. Alongside this the school focused on increasing the number of PP children who were accessing extra-curricular clubs and ensured that a broad range of clubs including free teacher led clubs were on offer for all children. Data for club attendance showed that 81% of all PP children accessed an extra-curricular club in 2023-2024 academic year.

Our observations and assessments indicate that pupil wellbeing and mental health continued to be impacted over the last academic year. In the previous year, internal observations indicated that this impact was more noticeable in disadvantaged pupils and this was a trend that continued in 2023. The pupil premium funding continued to facilitate additional wellbeing support across the school and targeted support for individuals and groups. The introduction of the 'The Zones of Regulation' as a strategy for self-regulation in the classroom has shown through observation, behaviour logs and pupil feedback to be a successful in supporting children's emotional well-being and regulation. The use of 'The Zone of Regulation' and continued development of this as a strategy to support children will continue.

Considering attainment, 32% of disadvantaged children are working below the age expected

standard in Reading, 44% in writing and 12% in maths. This compares to 12% Reading, 19% Writing and 12% maths for non-disadvantaged children.

Caution must be used when looking at % figures for small groups.

There were 16 PP children

3 with SEND needs including 1 EHCP child.

2022-2023

Despite continuing challenges presented by COVID-19 and staff absence the school was committed to improving teaching and learning via a coaching model. To ensure maximum impact the process was developed during the spring and summer terms to focus on where improvements in practice were required most. Outcomes of this support were positive with observations indicating a more sequenced plan of lessons, higher expectations within the classroom, a greater consistency in approach, better management of behavior. These improvements resulted in better progress evidenced in pupil workbooks and outcomes.

The school developed induction processes, systems and materials to ensure that staff new to the school were able to quickly adapt to expectations.

Continued investment in the school's phonics resources, delivery and schemes have resulted in a better provision and enhanced resources (both in school and at home). Internal monitoring has noted increased consistency of delivery which has resulted in improved phonics scores within EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. These improvements have accelerated the catch up which was required following the impact of the COVID-19 pandemics. Further development and training will be planned into subsequent PP plans to ensure all staff have the knowledge to deliver effective phonics teaching.

The planned developments to the behaviour system and processes were impacted by the need to support children in managing their emotions with the continual disruption caused by the pandemic.

The use of the PP grant was supportive to ensure that disadvantaged children were able to take part in all curriculum opportunities. The impact was particularly evident in years 4,5 and 6 where residential trips took place and the grant was used to support the parents of individual children to ensure they were able to attend. Further work would be beneficial to ensure children are able to attend after school clubs as well as these residential opportunities.

Work on attendance will continue. This will be targeted towards a low number of disadvantaged children with poor punctuality and attendance in comparison to other PP children or non-disadvantaged children. The attendance of all children was impacted through the pandemic and during last academic year.

Our observations and assessments indicate that pupil wellbeing and mental health continued to be impacted last year. This was primarily due to the return following COVID-19 lockdowns. Internal observations indicated that this impact was more noticeable in disadvantaged pupils. The pupil premium funding facilitated additional wellbeing support across the school and targeted support for individuals and groups. Support was particularly impactful in supporting disadvantaged children in their transition from primary to secondary school and when building up to their statutory assessments at the end of the year. The school is continuing to look for ways

to further develop the support it can offer and increase capacity to ensure all children who need this support are provided with it quickly and consistently.

Our internal assessments during the 2021-2022 academic year suggested that the performance of disadvantaged children was marginally lower than in previous years in key areas of the curriculum. However, due to the pandemic, this was a picture reflected by the non-disadvantaged children as well.

Regarding progress (Progress Summer assessment 2021 – Summer Assessment 2022)
80% of children on in receipt of PP made good or better progress in reading and in writing.
87% made good or better progress in maths.

Considering attainment, 27% of disadvantaged children are working below the age expected standard in Reading, 40% in writing and 13% in maths. This compares to 7% Reading, 9% Writing and 5% maths for non-disadvantaged children.

Writing remains a focus of the school. N.b. from observation and monitoring disadvantaged children's writing development was impacted by the pandemic lockdowns to a greater extent than non-disadvantaged despite the high level of remote education taking place. Within the writing data there are three children who joined the school during the pandemic and one who has had significant absence over the last academic year.

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you used your pupil premium (or recovery premium) to fund in the previous academic year.

Programme	Provider
HeartSmart	HeartSmart
RWI	RWI – Ruth Miskin
White Rose Maths	White Rose

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

*For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information: **How our service pupil premium allocation was spent last academic year***

The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils

Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your pupil premium strategy. For example, about your strategy planning, or other activity that you are implementing to support disadvantaged pupils, that is not dependent on pupil premium or recovery premium funding.