

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium for the 2024 to 2025 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	Buckland St Mary C of E Primary School
Number of pupils in school	50 (61 inc nursery children)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	12%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024/2025 2025/2026 2026/2027
Date this statement was published	05/11/24
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2025
Statement authorised by	Ethne Staniland
Pupil premium lead	Ethne Staniland
Governor / Trustee lead	Kate Albon

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£13,320
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
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	£13,320

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our aim at Buckland St Mary C of E Primary School is to ensure all pupils have the same opportunities to succeed and reach their potential. We employ a range of strategies and interventions to remove barriers to learning caused by personal circumstances or gaps in key learning, enabling all pupils to access all aspects of the curriculum on offer and experience wider school life to its full. This ensures we develop emotionally resilient and confident individuals ready to achieve their ambitions and continue on their journey of learning.

Key interventions and approaches on a whole school level are not restricted to pupils eligible for Pupil Premium. However, some specific interventions and school initiatives are made possible by Pupil Premium and/or catch-up funding. Our strategies target the individualised needs of our children in receipt of Pupil Premium. The challenges are varied and there is no 'one size fits all' approach to the support offered.

Our ultimate objectives are:

- To eliminate the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils at Buckland St Mary C of E Primary School
- For all disadvantaged pupils to meet or exceed nationally expected progress rates
- For all disadvantaged pupils to access all aspects of the curriculum including trips and extra-curricular provision
- For all disadvantaged pupils to be confident and emotionally resilient individuals ready for the next phase of life
- For all our disadvantaged pupils to be articulate learners who are empowered to speak with confidence, drawing on our character values, high quality vocabulary and sentence stems taught across the whole curriculum.

We aim to do this through:

- Building relationships with key families to ensure they seek early support by engaging in open dialogue and helping them to access necessary support swiftly
- Frequent monitoring of qualitative and quantitative data to ensure accurate and timely identification of pupils in need of support
- Ensuring that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all the pupils and that where pupils have specific needs that these are addressed through high quality, evidence based interventions

- Ensuring all vulnerable learners are ready to learn through access to a breakfast club and uniform provision as necessary
- Ensuring that vulnerable learners have access to high quality SEMH support both in the wider school environment and with individual/small group ELSA provision as needed.
- Ensuring all high quality first teaching/ planning/ learning environments and support staff promote/ reference / scaffold the use of tier 2 and 3 vocabulary in core and wider curriculum lessons.
- Ensure that sentence stems and the SHAPE/SHREC processes are embedded and modelled by all children and staff when speaking in all areas of the school day.

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

Achieving these objectives:

The range of provisions available at Buckland St Mary C of E Primary School focus on academic support, engagement and wellbeing. They include but are not limited to:

Academic support

- Frequent assessment and progress monitoring from Head and Assistant Head of School
- Intervention and precision teaching for English and Maths
- Additional Teaching Assistant support to assist small group teaching and focus on identified Pupil Premium Pupils
- Additional opportunities for 1:1 reading with an adult
- Staff CPD to ensure high quality teaching and learning
- Planning considers appropriate scaffolding, vocabulary and sentence stems to allow for all children to access age-appropriate curriculum content

Engagement

- Attendance monitoring - Trust Attendance Lead, HoS and school administrator monitor attendance and support families to improve attendance and punctuality.
- Morning Clubs- An opportunity for vulnerable children to meet a key adult at the start of the school day to ensure they are ready for the day
- Music Tuition-Opportunities to access free music lessons within school.

- Parental Support - parent support coffee mornings to engage PP families and improve communication.
- ELSA parental drop-in sessions to support PP families as needed
- School activity subsidy - school trips and activities subsidised for Pupil Premium families to ensure access for all

Wellbeing

- Dedicated ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) to support the SEMH needs of our PP children by working with children 1:1 and in small groups.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Overall attainment of Pupil Premium children is lower than Non-Pupil Premium
2	Attendance of Pupil Premium is below that of non-Pupil Premium, particularly persistent absence
3	Maths attainment of PP is lower than non-PPG children
4	High level of SEMH need within PP families

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disadvantaged pupils make at least expected progress from their individual starting points in all areas of the curriculum and especially in Reading, Writing and Maths. • The gap is narrowed in the progress and attainment of PP and non-PP children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those pupils who have 'fallen behind' are supported and tracked closely in half termly Pupil Progress Strategy meetings to ensure they make accelerated progress and 'catchup' or exceed prior attainment standards. • Children who need to make accelerated progress, receive targeted high-quality intervention which is monitored by school leaders.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils have regular/daily opportunities to rehearse, practice and consolidate key skills in reading, spelling and mental arithmetic. • Support staff and class teachers support learning effectively using intervention strategies to identify and address learning gaps and misconceptions. • Additional intervention sessions take place based on gaps in learning and with reference to previous data and learning.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All disadvantaged pupils will meet national expectations for attendance and persistent absence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disadvantaged pupils will match or exceed national averages for non-disadvantaged pupils (96+%) • Monitoring of attendance by Head of School and rigorous application of Attendance policy brings about and increase in PP pupils' attendance and a decrease in persistent absence. • Staff are aware of difficulties that may impact PP learners and have plans in place to support these.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased parental engagement, particularly in reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased number of PP families attending parenting evenings and engaging in home reading. • As a result, Increased % of PP pupils are working at ARE or above across the school in phonics and reading.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEMH provision supports PP families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP families and pupils feel supported and actively seek the support of the school to support them in times of need • PP pupils feel safe and secure at school, have strategies to support their SEMH and can share how they are supported in school. • As a result, PP children are actively engaged in learning which is reflected in pupil voice, learning walks, book looks, attendance and progress measures.

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: £4,240

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach (Evidence from Education Endowment Foundation – Teaching and Learning Toolkit)	Challenge number(s) addressed
Engagement in CPD including the Maths and English (cost of cover and resources)	Teaching Mastery = + 5 Months	1-2
Role of Pupil Premium lead	Evidence from Education Endowment Foundation - The Guide to Pupil Premium: A tiered approach To Spending	1-4
Subject Leadership Time (cost of cover)		1

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

Budgeted cost: £1,425

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach (Evidence from Education Endowment Foundation – Teaching and Learning Toolkit)	Challenge number(s) addressed
Additional support for children requiring intervention (1:1 and small group support)	One-to-one tuition = +5 Small group tuition = +4	1, 2
ELSA time (1:1 and small group)	Metacognition & self-regulation = +7 Social and Emotional Learning = + 4	1,2,4
Language development opportunities	Early language programme for all EYFS children Freshstart programme for identified children	1, 2, 4

	Use of SHAPE/SHREC planned into wider curriculum areas. Opportunities to speak publicly in class/ wider school Public speaking events – KS2 (Mock UN day)	
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £7,655

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach (Evidence from Education Endowment Foundation – Teaching and Learning Toolkit)	Challenge number(s) addressed
ELSA drop in sessions, coffee mornings and support workshops.	Parental Engagement +4	2,3
'Zones of Regulation' school-wide approach to Self-Regulation	Metacognition & self-regulation = +7 Social and Emotional Learning = +4	2,4
Metacognition CPD		
Morning check-ins with key adults		

Total budgeted cost: £13,320

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 2023 to 2024 academic year.

Aim	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Disadvantaged pupils make at least expected progress from their individual starting points in all areas of the curriculum and especially in Reading, Writing and Maths.The gap is narrowed in the progress and attainment of PP and non-PP children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">100% of PP children in Years 6 made expected progress from their starting points in Reading and Writing and were very close to achieving this in Maths.Y2-5 PP children's attainment compared to Non- PP combined was not as strong however all PP children made progress.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">All disadvantaged pupils will meet national expectations for attendance and persistent absence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The majority of PP children met (and exceeded) the national expectations for attendance for 2023-24.Those that didn't were supported by the school and showed an improvement in their attendance.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increased parental engagement, particularly in reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reading is an improving picture. 100% pupils passed the phonics screening test.Parental participation in school events was high, with only a few families per class not attending key celebrations and booking parents eve appointments. Non-attendance at parent eve were followed up with phone calls from class teachers with appointments rescheduled to support the families.Reading engagement for some key families remains an issue.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">SEMH provision supports PP families	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ELSA support for key children supported attendance for families.'Soft data' such as social interactions at playtimes and positive communication with parents show key children improving in key areas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key families are seeking support from school in the early stages of any issues or concerns as opposed to school needing to make contact when issues/ concerns impact school.
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