

Pupil premium strategy statement – Dearham Primary School 2021-2024

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 following two academic years and the effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Dearham Primary
Number of pupils in school	247
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	14.2%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24
Date this statement was published	27 th September 2021
Date on which it will be reviewed	1 st July 2022
Statement authorised by	J Wilson
Pupil premium lead	P Blease
Governor / Trustee lead	L Ireland

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£47,075
Recovery premium funding allocation (including School Tutor based funding of £3847.50) this academic year	£8632.50
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	£55,707.5

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our intention is that all our pupils, whatever their background or individual challenges, make good progress against the curriculum. The uniqueness of every child is recognised and valued. We adapt our learning journey to meet the needs and interests of all children, offering an excellent education underpinned by a broad, rich and powerful curriculum. We have high aspirations and expectations for all our pupils and we believe no child should be left behind. We believe that it is not background that is important but a child's passion and thirst for knowledge, and dedication and commitment to learning that make the difference between success and failure.

High quality teaching is at the heart of our approach. We know our children and focus on their needs. Delivering this approach means that our disadvantaged children receive support they need to make the progress we are looking for and that ultimately the attainment gap between them and their peers is closed. Implicit in all this is that non-disadvantaged children will continue to sustain their attainment and improve it alongside their peers and ensure all children are equipped for the next stage of their education.

The impact of Covid-19 on the education of children has been huge. This plan is part of a wider school strategy for bridging the gaps in learning. The inclusion of recovery funding and the National Tutoring funding in this document is focused through the targeted support for those children identified as having the largest gaps in their learning.

We plan our lessons with clear objectives based on teacher's detailed knowledge of each child, striving to ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to each child's level of ability. Lesson plans make clear the expected outcomes of each lesson.

Day-to-day, on-going assessment is crucial to providing instant feedback to the teacher and ensuring progress within each lesson. Robust assessment procedures working alongside this identify those children who may need rapid interventions to address gaps in learning. Together the approaches we use will ensure:

- To provide high quality teaching and a whole school approach in all aspects of learning, giving **all** our children the confidence to succeed.
- To have high expectations for achievement of **all** children and act early to intervene at any given point identified. To challenge disadvantaged children in the work that is set for them.
- To provide equality of opportunity for all children.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Internal assessment data indicated maths attainment among disadvantaged pupils in KS 2 is below that of non-disadvantaged pupils. Attainment at the end of Y6 has 75% of disadvantaged meeting the expected standard for maths with 84% of non-disadvantaged pupils.
2	Assessment and observations show disadvantaged pupils having greater difficulty with phonics than their peers. This impacts negatively on reading development
3	Language and communication skills on entry are lower for disadvantaged pupils than non-disadvantaged. This impacts throughout their school career if not addressed quickly with curriculum matched to the needs and interests of the children and a vocabulary rich environment.
4	Discussions with pupils and observations by staff indicate the periods of lockdown have impacted more significantly with disadvantaged pupils leading to knowledge gaps with pupils falling more behind as indicated in maths
5	A lack of enrichment opportunities and socialisation during periods of enforced closure have had a negative impact particularly on disadvantaged pupils both in terms of wellbeing and academic attainment.
6	The existing marking and feedback policy, whilst effective, has less impact on standards for disadvantaged children.

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
Improved maths attainment for disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2	KS2 maths outcomes at the end of 2023-24 indicate 95% of disadvantaged children meeting the expected standard with 2021-22 being the first point of this with 85% of disadvantaged at least expected progress.
Improved phonics outcomes for disadvantaged children in Year 1.	Phonics assessments at the end of year 1 show the school consistently above national attainment for disadvantaged pupils
A vocabulary rich curriculum and environment expands the vocabulary and communication skills of disadvantaged pupils in line with their peers.	Classroom displays will include subject specific vocabulary and children will be encouraged to talk about what they are doing. Challenging vocabulary encouraged in all aspects of writing and technical vocabulary used in all subjects.
To achieve and sustain pupil well-being for all pupils but particularly disadvantaged children.	Sustained high quality levels of wellbeing by 2023-24. This will be clear in pupil surveys, lesson and break time observations, and

	through increased participation in external enrichment activities such as residential.
Establish a marking and feedback policy and procedure which is beneficial to all pupils without impacting negatively on teacher workload.	Feedback is immediate and constructive with the need for intervention and support identified during the lesson. All children have a more immediate response to their work and therefore are able to be supported as necessary.

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: £18000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Investment in training for Little Wandle phonics	Letters and Sounds used successfully in school but needed updating. The Little Wandle programme is in place in Early Years and KS1 but all staff in school have received training	2 and 3
Nurture provision training for LSA creating a nurture group which may include a homework or reading after school club. This will involve increased hours for support staff	Boxall profiles of children in school allowing the establishment of a group for children who need that extra support.	1,3 and 4
Meta cognition training for teaching staff to facilitate the development of a meta cognition way of learning	EEF evidence suggests an on average 7 month increase in outcomes for children using this approach	1,2 and 4
Investing in high quality first teaching through increased CPD for all teaching staff	EEF pupil premium guidance has this as a key factor in raising standards for disadvantaged pupils	1,2,3,4,5 and 6

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

Budgeted cost: £12000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Booster classes with a trained teacher for children in year 6 with significant learning gaps	Previous use of teacher to support this group. Education Endowment Foundation Guide to Pupil Premium recommends high quality teaching as having a significant impact on standards	1 and 4
Increased support staff hours to provided 1:1 and small group support for children in class	Education Endowment suggests 1:1 support increases progress by on average 5 months.	1, 2 and 4
ELSA support offered to those children identified as needing the intervention. Support staff hours cost	ELSA has been working in school and had a positive impact on the children involved. Their relationships in school have strengthened and they are more able to concentrate and focus on work therefore improving outcomes	1,2,3 and 4
Reading comprehension focus groups across school. Children working in small groups to encourage discussion and understanding of language	EEF evidence shows an increase of on average 6 months progress for this strategy	2 and 3
Time allocated for Deputy Head to establish a new marking and feedback policy and to disseminate to staff	EEF toolkit suggests 6 months added progress through an effective marking and feedback policy	6

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

Budgeted cost: £ 22000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Wellbeing and mental health training for all staff	Raised staff awareness of issues will mean any concerns are addressed quickly and children are more settled and focused in school	5
Residential and out of school activities booked and funded for disadvantaged children	An inability to afford these visits does not mean disadvantaged children will miss out on these activities which establish team building, self-care and social engagement out of school	5
Investment in the Commando Joes programme and curriculum	Previous experience of the programme. It delivers key values and encourages team building, empathy, respect and communication in all children. It allows children to lead and work with their peers in a variety of situations	3 and 5

Total budgeted cost: £ 52,000

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.

In the 2020-21 academic year Covid-19 meant that children had lost significant chunks of in-school learning and were therefore reliant on remote learning. Teachers provided online work and zoom meetings to give face to face lessons. The children sat 2019 SATS tests at the end of the summer in Year 6 and these were marked in class. The results for disadvantaged children were as follows:

Reading

83% at expected standard; 17% at greater depth

Maths

80% at expected standard; 20% at greater depth

Grammar, punctuation and spelling

92% at expected standard; 54% greater depth

The introduction of the ELSA programme meant children were able to verbalise their worries and concerns and allowed school to put strategies in place to support them.