



# Pupil Premium Strategy 2023-2024

This document details our school's use of Pupil Premium and Recovery Premium funding for the 2023 to 2024 academic year and outlines the impact of the funding for the academic year 2022-2023.

The purpose of the funding is to help improve the attainment and experiences of our eligible pupils and, where appropriate, their ineligible peers.

It outlines our Pupil Premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the effects that this spending is having as the year progresses.

## School Overview

Detail	Data
School Name:	St. James' Church of England Primary School, Lower Darwen
Number of Pupils in School:	September 2023 - 189
Proportion (%) of Pupil Premium Eligible Pupils:	33%
Academic Years Covered by this Strategy:	2023-2024
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At St. James Lower Darwen Primary school we recognise that Ofsted uses the term 'Disadvantaged Pupils' for what we will refer to in our strategy as Pupil Premium (PPG) pupils, because we recognise that not all pupils in receipt of the funding are disadvantaged, and we understand the stigma that might be attached to the phrase by parents.

## Funding Overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil Premium Funding Allocation this Academic Year:	£100,265
School Led Tutoring Funding Allocation this Academic Year:	£3,510 + £3,510 (School Funds)
Pupil Premium Funding Carried Forward from Previous Years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
<b>Total Budget for this Academic Year:</b>	<b>£103,775 (+ £3,510)</b>

## Statement of intent

 <p>For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <b>Jeremiah 29:11</b></p>		 <p><b>John 10:10</b> <i>I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.</i></p>
<p>At St. James Lower Darwen Primary School we aim to effectively and efficiently use resources to have the maximum impact on the outcomes of Pupil Premium (PP) pupils. In line with our Christian vision and ethos, we aim for all children to flourish whilst at St. James and have high aspirations that allow them to prosper. We recognise that although all children have had their learning disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic, the negative impact will probably be worse for PP pupils (as has been reported for England by the Social Mobility Commission in its annual State of the Nation report in July 2021). Research suggests that the disruption to learning is likely to have at least reversed the progress made in closing the 'disadvantaged' gap over the past decade. Our ultimate aim is to implement a</p>		

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substantial and sustained response for all children, but particularly for those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Within our PP Strategy, we will also consider how to align chosen approaches with PP spending and broader improvement priorities in our school action plan all of which radiates from our Christian vision.

It is vital that we continue to develop ways to ensure that the impact of our strategy is sustainable. Therefore, the strategy will be sustained over a three-year period, with regular monitoring and evaluation each year. To help us develop our pupil premium strategy, we have thoroughly considered the likely challenges that our Pupil Premium children face. This strategy has been developed to address these likely challenges.

The school has adopted the 3-tiered approach recommended by the Education Endowment Fund (EEF), the DfE and Ofsted, to supporting Pupil Premium pupils so that we focus on improving teaching, targeted academic support and wider strategies. The 3-tiered approach will help us to focus on those initiative and activities that are likely to make the biggest difference to our pupil's academic, social and emotional outcomes. Within this tiered model an evidence-based approach has been adopted as required under the new guidelines for Pupil Premium spending.

Evidence consistently shows the positive impact that targeted academic support can have. Therefore, one of the main parts of our strategy considers how our teachers and teaching assistants can provide this, including how to link structured one-to-one support or small group intervention to classroom teaching. Wider strategies, relating to the most significant non-academic likely challenges (or barriers to achievement) that we have identified, have also been planned for.

### Likely Challenges (Likely barriers to achievement)

This details the likely key challenges or barriers to achievement that we have identified among our Pupil Premium pupils.

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
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1	Delayed communication and language skills - language acquisition for pupils eligible for PP are generally lower than that of other pupils across school. Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils.
2	Social, emotional, behavioural needs (including the ability to self-regulate) poor self-esteem for pupils and family members with social and emotional needs requiring additional pastoral care and guidance.
3	Family support – School is in a highly deprived area, some parents need additional support from school with parenting, social care and family matters that then impact on the children in school and their ability to learn.
4	Poor attendance – Attendance monitoring shows that the attendance of non-pupil premium children is higher than that of pupil premium children
5	Gaps in early Phonics, Reading and Writing skills - Generally, PP children as a group are not making as rapid progress in their reading as non-pupil premium children. Assessments, observations and discussions with pupils indicate that difficulties are negatively impacting reading development.
6	Cultural capital and enrichment opportunities - Many of our pupil premium children do not have the rich and varied experiences as non-pupil premium children have meaning knowledge of the world and vocabulary acquisition is limited

## Intended outcomes

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our current strategy**, and how we will measure whether or not they have been achieved.

Intended outcome (with challenge number)	Success criteria
To develop communication, language skills and PSED in EYFS with interventions and SEND support as needed. (1, 2, 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identified children receive language interventions</li><li>Pupils make expected or accelerated progress towards their language targets and meet are related expectations</li><li>Language acquisition of PP children is line with year group standards. At least 80% of PP pupils will be working at or above the expected level in Communication and Language by the end of Reception, unless their SEND prevents this.</li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 80% of PP pupils will be working at or above the expected level in PSED by the end of Reception, unless their SEND prevents this.</li> </ul>
<p>For PPG children to achieve national expected standard in the Phonics screening (unless their additional SEND needs prevent this from being possible) (1, 2, 5)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For PPG children to achieve national expected standard in Phonics Screening.</li> <li>• Phonics screening scores in line with non-PPG children.</li> <li>• Development of consistent approach to phonics (Phonics@St. James) - revisit of whole staff training. Consistent approach to phonics across the school will continue to impact attainment improvement.</li> </ul>
<p>Pupil premium children academically make as much or better progress from their starting points compared to non-pupil premium children (1, 5)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupil premium children receive additional interventions and focused teaching to help narrow the gap</li> <li>• National tutoring partnership is effective and rapid progress has been achieved so children can catch up and keep up</li> <li>• Additional training for staff in English and Maths to help identify gaps in learning</li> <li>• Pupil premium children are heard read on a daily basis</li> <li>• Support staff to focus on pupil premium children during lessons (to be evidenced in books)</li> <li>• The attainment gap between pupil premium and others will close</li> <li>• More than 80% of PP pupils across school will make the expected level of progress in in Reading, Writing and Maths.</li> </ul>
<p>Parents and pupils feel well supported by school; achieving sustained and improved wellbeing for all in addition to improved parental engagement. (2, 3, 4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parental feedback indicates that parents feel well supported by school</li> <li>• Social skills, independence, team work and perseverance are evidenced through pupil voice, parent voice and through internal monitoring</li> <li>• Children and families engage with PWBC services</li> <li>• Parents engage with support from other agencies</li> <li>• Positive case studies evidence achievements</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PWBC reports positive outcomes of vulnerable families via SLT and through supervision</li><li>• PP pupils who are not engaging with homework at home will, in agreement with parents, complete homework at breakfast club (where attending).</li><li>• The frequency of class teachers reporting behaviour as a barrier to learning will decrease. Weekly logged negative behaviour incidents on CPOMS reduces by July 2024.</li></ul>
To narrow the gap for Pupil Premium pupils' cultural capital with other non-pupil premium children ensuring enrichment opportunities are part of the curricular offer (6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A wide range of extracurricular activities will be focused towards PP children</li><li>• To provide enrichment opportunities as part of the curricular offer so that all children are all able to access wider opportunities</li></ul>
Reduced proportion of persistent absentees. (3, 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PP pupils' average attendance will be around 95%.</li><li>• If attendance for an individual PP pupil does fall below 95% within a half termly monitoring period, interventions will be put into place to help improve this and show an upward trend. Academic progress, for those children who were classed as PA, will also increase as a result of better attendance.</li></ul>

### Part A: Activity in this academic year (2023-24)

This details how we intend to spend our Pupil Premium (and Recovery Premium funding) **this academic year** to overcome the challenges listed above.



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Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Approximate budgeted cost: £6135

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach (rationale)	Challenge numbers addressed
<p>Kagan structures evident in all classroom. Quality of talk and interaction between students is improved. 100% of pupils engaged in the lesson when using the techniques.</p> <p>Embed Kagan structures, methods and seating plans to Y2-6 classes</p> <p>Introduce Kagan structures during carpet time in R&amp;Y1</p>	<p><b>From KaganUk</b></p> <p>When students are engaged, they pay attention, they're motivated, they learn more, and the learning sticks. The biggest difference between the Kagan approach and teaching using traditional methods is the ability to engage every student. Traditional classroom teaching captures the minds and attention of some students, but not all. With traditional instruction, there is always a subset of students who fall through the cracks. We're all too familiar with the results: a widening gap between high achievers and low achievers.</p> <p>In the traditional classroom, the teacher is the hardest working person. At Kagan, we think that's backwards. Students need to work at least as hard! The more they interact with their peers and with the curriculum, the more they'll learn. Kagan Structures require every student to participate frequently and approximately equally. Kagan Structures close the achievement gap by creating dramatic gains for struggling students. But the gains are not bought at the expense of high achievers; they too are engaged in a richer, more interactive learning environment. As brain-research is proving, meaningful engagement is just a better way to reach and teach all students.</p> <p><b>EEF Toolkit – Collaborative Learning Approaches</b></p> <p>The impact of collaborative approaches on learning is consistently positive, with pupils making an additional 5 months' progress, on average, over the course of an academic year.</p>	<p>2 &amp; 5</p>
<p>Embedding dialogic activities across the school curriculum. These can support pupils to articulate key ideas, consolidate understanding and extend vocabulary.</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:</p> <p><a href="#">Oral language interventions   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a></p>	<p>1</p>



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<p>Introduction of Wellcom standardised diagnostic assessment – staff training for ALL EYFS staff to support QFT in the provision.</p>		
<p>Embedding of consistent Phonics scheme throughout KS1 with training extended to KS2 staff for intervention. Additional resources</p> <p>Accompanying handwriting rhymes to ensure consistent letter formation.</p> <p>Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support. This will be delivered in collaboration with and monitored by Phonics lead</p>	<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><a href="#">Phonics   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a></p> <p>Phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very extensive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds</p> <p>The teaching of phonics should be explicit and systematic to support children in making connections between the sound patterns they hear in words and the way that these words are written.</p> <p>High impact +5 months gain</p>	<p>1 &amp; 5</p>
<p><b>Intentions for 2023-24 – Teaching</b></p> <p>During this period, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to develop, and evaluate, the range of Kagan structures/principles used in classes. Staff to observe this practise in other classes. Observation focus to include the use of these principles.</li> <li>• Further develop all pupils’ understanding their own learning, and their ability to self-regulate effectively</li> <li>• Consider TA deployment to have the maximum impact on students’ progress and attainment based on data.</li> </ul> <p><i>These intentions will only be taken forward if data supports the actions and approaches chosen and funding continues to be available. Otherwise, revisions will be made to this section by July 2024</i></p>		

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



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Approximate budgeted cost: £ 33,000

Activity (with challenge number addressed)	Evidence that supports this approach (rationale)	Challenge number addressed
<p><b>To continue to promote oracy across all aspects of school life enabling children to expand their vocab, oracy skills and be able to engage in conversations.</b></p> <p>Voice 21 practice to be fully embedded throughout the curriculum</p> <p>Dine and dialogue provides focused talk opportunities for children over the lunch period</p> <p>SIG oracy programme/events</p> <p>Makaton awareness is shared during worship, celebration worship and via the website.</p>	<p><u><i>The Case for a High Quality Oracy Education (Voice 21, September 2020)</i></u></p> <p>Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language. In school, oracy is a powerful tool for learning; by teaching students to become more effective speakers and listeners we empower them to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them. Through a high-quality oracy education students learn through talk and to talk. This is when they develop and deepen their subject knowledge and understanding through talk in the classroom, which has been planned, designed, modelled, scaffolded and structured to enable them to learn the skills needed to talk effectively. The deliberate, explicit and systematic teaching of oracy across phases and throughout the curriculum will support children and young people to make progress in the four strands of oracy outlined in the Oracy Framework. These skills are crucial to children and young people’s success in school and in their life beyond. It is therefore vital that in every school, an education in oracy is the responsibility of every teacher and the entitlement of every child.</p> <p><u><i>Oral language interventions - Toolkit Strand - Education Endowment Foundation - EEF</i></u></p> <p>There is also 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:</p>	<p>1</p>
<p><b>Phonics across EYFS/KS1 (and interventions in KS2)</b></p> <p>Introduction of consistent Phonics scheme throughout KS1 with training extended to KS2 staff for intervention.</p>	<p><b><i>Phonics Interventions – EEF Teaching &amp; Learning Toolkit</i></b></p> <p>Phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very extensive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds</p> <p>The teaching of phonics should be explicit and systematic to support children in making connections between the sound patterns they hear in words and the way that these words are written.</p>	<p>1 &amp; 5</p>



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<p>Accompanying handwriting rhymes to ensure consistent letter formation.</p> <p>Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support. This will be delivered in collaboration with and monitored by Phonics lead</p>	<p>High impact +5 months gain</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><a href="#">Phonics   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a></p>	
<p><b>School-Led Tutoring (2,3,6)</b></p> <p>In school tuition – member of teaching staff given an extra day to work with small groups in Y5. HLTA deployed additionally to Y6 to allow Y6 teacher to complete specific group work.</p> <p><b>£10,000</b></p>	<p><b>Evidence from the EEF shows that small group tuition</b> is effective, with an average impact of +4 months additional progress over the course of a year. The tuition is most effective when targeted at pupil’s specific needs. Therefore, effective diagnostic assessment is essential. Although small groups (2- 5 pupils) are most effective, evidence suggests, the quality of teaching in small groups may be as, or more important than, the precise group size. It is also important to consider the effectiveness of different arrangements, as the specific subject matter being taught and composition of the groups may influence outcomes.</p>	5
<p>Individualised pre-teaching, same day, targeted (e.g. Sandwell Maths) and challenge interventions with instant feedback to provide all children with the best chance to achieve their full potential.</p> <p><b>£20,000</b></p>	<p>Teaching assistants can provide a large positive impact on learner outcomes, however, how they are deployed is key</p> <p>Access to high quality teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for their pupils. It is particularly important to ensure that when pupils are receiving support from a teaching assistant, this supplements teaching but does not reduce the amount of high-quality interactions they have with their classroom teacher both in and out-of-class.</p> <p>Moderate impact, +4 months</p>	1 & 5



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<p>Nurture provision to target language skills and reluctant speakers and to narrow the gaps in Boxall to improve SEMH with additional EP support.</p> <p><b>£3000</b></p>	<p>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:</p> <p><a href="#">Oral language interventions   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</a></p> <p>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):</p> <p><a href="#">EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</a></p>	<p>2, 3, 4</p>
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### Intentions for 2023-25 – Targeted academic support

During this period, we will:

- Sustainably continue tutoring PPG pupils where necessary
- Continue to implement Voice 21 principles across school. Develop a consistent method of assessment for Oracy from EYFS-Y6 that shows a clear progression pathway.
- Further develop our Phonics scheme, and look for a Y3 / Y4 extension to the programme to maintain progress for PP pupils
- Develop KS2 Spelling scheme that follows on from the Phonics @ St. James school ensuring consistency right across the school

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

**Approximate budgeted cost: £61,130**

Activity and challenge numbers addressed	Evidence that supports this approach (rationale)	Challenge numbers addressed
<p><b>Improve attendance for all pupil premium children</b> Identified attendance officer (BwD)</p>	<p>The <i>DfE recognises the importance of getting the basics right</i>, like attendance and behaviour, and understand that failing to put these</p>	



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<p>Monitor attendance and implement identified strategies (School Inclusion Team)</p> <p>Tracking system to be initiated by PWB and attendance lead</p> <p>Training for staff on use of both SIMs and Target Tracker to analyse data by specific groups as well as individual children/whole school</p> <p>Consistent approach to monitoring attendance to be embedded</p> <p>Attendance data to be shared more readily with families</p> <p><b>Additional hours for office admin = £3400 (5hrs costed out per week)</b></p>	<p>building blocks in place will undermine the effectiveness of the PPG in raising standards. Successful schools set up rapid response systems to address poor attendance. This involves staff contacting home immediately if a child fails to arrive on time. If the problem persists, staff work with families to address any barriers they face in getting their children to school.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1 and 4</p>
<p><b>Developing effective social and emotional learning for all children. (1, 2)</b></p> <p>Further embed social and emotional learning into the school culture to ensure that all children are able to flourish.</p> <p>Inclusion Coordinator time (CAF lead, fully qualified coach)</p> <p>ELSA trained staff and activities</p> <p>Wellbeing Warriors programme</p> <p>TRG programme (link with Church)</p> <p>MHIST</p> <p>Family support and referrals</p>	<p><b><i>EEF_Social_and_Emotional_Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</i></b></p> <p>Evidence reviews show that on average social and emotional learning has a positive impact on academic attainment, equivalent to +4 additional months progress. There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life, in relation to physical and mental health, school readiness and academic achievement, crime, employment and income. Studies in the UK have shown that good social and emotional skills—including self-regulation, self-awareness, and social skills—developed by the age of ten, are predictors of a range of adult outcomes (by age 40), such as life satisfaction and wellbeing, labour market success, and good overall health.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 and 3</p>
<p>Breakfast Club (including homework support)</p> <p>Provide pupils with a healthy start to each day and impact on attendance</p>	<p>It is important for pupils to start the day with a nutritious breakfast. Evidence shows that providing a healthy school breakfast at the start</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1, 2, 4</p>



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<p>Free Breakfast Club for FSM</p> <p>PWBC to invite PP families to attend Breakfast Club where attendance is an issue</p> <p>Breakfast club salaries</p>	<p>of the school day can contribute to improved readiness to learn, increased concentration, and improved wellbeing and behaviour.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-school-breakfast-club-programme">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-school-breakfast-club-programme</a></p> <p>Pupils eligible for free school meals typically receive additional benefits from homework. However, surveys in England suggest that pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds are less likely to have a quiet working space, are less likely to have access to a device suitable for learning or a stable internet connection and may receive less parental support to complete homework and develop effective learning habits. These difficulties may increase the gap in attainment for disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>Homework clubs can help to overcome these barriers by offering pupils the resources and support needed to undertake homework or revision.</p>	
<p>There is a wider curricular offer for pupil premium children</p> <p>Children have opportunity to take part in sports clubs and compete out of school</p> <p>Free after school clubs</p> <p>Lunchtime sports clubs with a qualified sports coach</p> <p>Children have a say in the types of sports / after school provision they would like to be offered</p> <p>Identified pupil premium children to partake in outdoor learning</p>	<p>Children need to be active every day to promote healthy growth and development. Children who establish healthy lifestyle patterns at a young age will carry them - and their benefits - forward for the rest of their lives. Physical activity can help children cope with stress.</p> <p>Evidence shows that having interests provides loads of benefits for children, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stress reduction.</li> <li>• Higher self-esteem.</li> <li>• Competence.</li> <li>• Providing bonding time with friends.</li> <li>• Learning self-discipline.</li> <li>• Learning patience.</li> </ul> <p>Arts participation approaches can have a positive impact on academic outcomes in other areas of the curriculum</p>	<p>2, 4 &amp; 6</p>



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<p>To provide additional cultural capital experiences for our pupil premium children e.g. industry day, enrichment trips, play in a day, outdoor learning opportunities.</p>	<p>School experiences benefit primary school pupils in many ways, and can be inspiring, positive experiences that not only enhance learning and understanding, but also pupils' social and personal development. They provide the opportunity for pupils to immerse themselves in new, different and exciting environments where learning is less formal – but sometimes more powerful. Experiences also benefit pupils who have a more kinaesthetic, sensory or visual way of learning, as well as SEND pupils who might struggle in a traditional classroom environment., "Learning outside the classroom changes lives." (Council for Learning Outside the Classroom)</p>	<p>6</p>
<p><b>Intentions for 2023-25 – Wider strategies</b></p> <p>During this period, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aim to move PP attendance to 95% by extending and improving attendance programmes</li><li>• Further develop the Coaching, ELSA and ACE awareness programme with more pupils and parents</li></ul> <p><i>These intentions will only be taken forward if data supports the actions and approaches chosen. Otherwise, revisions will be made to this section by July 2024</i></p>		

**Total budgeted cost: £ 103,775**



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## 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 2022 to 2023 academic year.

Targets from the previous pupil premium strategy were partially met, some continue to be an area to further develop and support.

The senior leadership team, class teachers and teaching assistants worked closely with PPs and their families during school closures. Additional communication and resources were implemented. Pupil Premium children, who were identified as not engaging with remote learning effectively were recognised as 'vulnerable' and invited into school.

Attendance levels for academic year 2022-2023 show an increase in overall attendance across school with an attendance rate of 94.12% this is above the national picture of 93.74% Attendance for our pupil premium children for 22-23 was 92%. Attendance of pupils was monitored and reviewed throughout the academic year. Pupils who were at risk of being classed as persistently absent were identified and monitored throughout the year with actions implemented as necessary. Pupil voice indicates that children feel well supported in school and that they have an appropriate adult to share concerns with if and when they need to. ELSA sessions are used to provide targeted support for identified pupils and progress throughout these sessions via soft data paints a positive picture.

Parental voice indicates that parents and the wider community feel well supported by school. School is able to effectively signpost families so that they receive the appropriate resource.

The language gap for disadvantaged pupils in EYFS narrows due to the language support and interventions received. Data paints a positive picture with regards to progress from initial baseline assessments. Children who are not working in line with age related language expectations are then supported as they enter KS1 through additional support so that the gap continues to narrow.

Data in school shows a positive picture with regards to progress for pupil premium children average progress between KS1 and KS2 for PP children in +1.11 in reading, which is above both local and national levels, progress in maths is +1.54 which is above other pupils and again above the local and national picture. Progress in writing for pupil premium children is lower though this is inline with all other pupils across school. As a school we feel this is partially due to the pandemic as during this period of home learning and lockdown writing opportunities were limited especially within local community we



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serve. Tutoring as part of the NTP was effective and identified children who partook in the scheme overall made positive progress, evidenced through internal tracking system, throughout the initiative.

Early reading is vital for all children the implementation of our new phonics scheme has had a huge impact in this area. Training, new scheme and resources have already impacted positively on results with 90% of Year 1 pupils passing the screener. 83% of our pupil premium children passed the phonics screener check this figure is well above local authority at 74%. Impact and a rising trajectory are due to quality first teaching alongside adaptive teaching, bespoke interventions and appropriate resources.