

Lower Heath CE Primary School Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2023 to 2024 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
Number of pupils in school	94
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	18%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended – you must still publish an updated statement each academic year)	2021/2022 to 2024/2025
Date this statement was published	November 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2024
Statement authorised by	Helen Reynolds
Pupil premium lead	Helen Reynolds
Governor / Trustee lead	Sue Ricketts

Funding overview – 2023 2024

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£21,825
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year <i>Recovery premium received in academic year 2023/24 cannot be carried forward beyond August 31, 2024.</i>	£945 NTP (50% of costs covered; minimum of £1890 school expenditure)
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (<i>enter £0 if not applicable</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>	£22,770

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Lower Heath CE Primary School, our vision is:

As children of God, our pupils will share their achievements in fellowship with the whole school community, in a loving and respectful environment. Together, all children and adults will show thankfulness for our world, and use our faith to challenge ourselves to fulfil our God-given potential. Our motto, 'Let Your Light Shine', shows how our talents and potential can be illuminated through the example of Jesus' love, and how Jesus' attitude can shine through our actions and words.

We have high expectations of all children, and our aim is to ensure that all pupils have equal access to learning and enrichment opportunities, which will enable them to fulfil their potential.

Common barriers for disadvantaged pupils may include poor language skills, low levels of self-esteem, social/emotional/behaviour difficulties and disengagement, adverse childhood experiences and trauma, and lack of support from home.

Our strategy includes plans to address these barriers through improving the standard of quality first teaching, and offering a range of evidence-based interventions and support for those who need something additional to the daily classroom experience.

Our strategy is a key part of the wider school plans for education recovery following Covid 19, to ensure targeted support for pupils whose education has been most affected, and to support identified parents in meeting the needs of their children at home.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Poor language skills in EYFS, and in KS1 where children have experienced disruption to their early education due to Covid 19
2	Social and emotional difficulties, referrals for support and safeguarding needs
3	Literacy and numeracy difficulties requiring effective interventions, as well as quality first teaching, to address gaps
4	Poor home learning skills due lack of parental confidence/ability/time in relation to supporting children with reading and completing homework
5	Children are ill-equipped for learning, for example, they have a poor diet and do not have the required equipment/clothing for all educational activities, or are not enabled to participate in all opportunities due to financial constraints

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
1	Improved oral language skills and vocabulary	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment.
2	To achieve and sustain improved social and emotional skills/wellbeing	Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024/25 demonstrated by: - qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations - improvements evidenced through behaviour and concerns - records noted on CPOMS
3	Improved reading/writing/maths attainment	KS2 outcomes in 2024/2025 show that attainment of disadvantaged pupils are in line with national data
4	Improved engagement in reading at home and home-learning of disadvantaged pupils	Tracking of disadvantaged pupils shows that engagement is in line with that of non-disadvantaged peers
5	All children have equal access to enrichment opportunities, equipment, healthy food and uniform	Data shows that disadvantaged children access trips, clubs and events in line with, or more than, non-disadvantaged peers

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: £ 7420

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
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<p>Purchase of standardised assessments</p> <p>£2500 NFER</p>	<p>Standardised tests can provide reliable insights into the specific strengths and weaknesses of each pupil to help ensure they receive the correct additional support through interventions or teacher instruction.</p> <p>Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress - EEF</p>	3
<p>Embedding dialogic activities across the school curriculum. These can support pupils to articulate key ideas, consolidate understanding and extend vocabulary. Talkboost, S&L CPD, Stoke Speaks Out Assessments</p> <p>£500</p>	<p>There is a strong evidence base that suggests oral language interventions such as high quality classroom discussion are inexpensive to implement with high impacts on academic attainment</p> <p>Oral language interventions / Toolkit Strand - EEF</p>	1, 2, 3
<p>Purchase of reading books to accompany validated synthetic phonics programme to secure stronger phonics learning for all pupils</p> <p>£2000</p>	<p>Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading</p> <p>Phonics / Toolkit Strand – EEF OFSTED Research Review Reading Framework July 2023</p>	2, 3, 4
<p>Enhancement of maths teaching and curriculum planning and purchase of accompanying workbooks</p> <p>£2000 POWER MATHS</p>	<p>The DfE non-statutory guidance has been produced in conjunction with the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics, drawing on evidence-based approaches.</p> <p>EEF guidance is based on a range of the best available evidence – Improving Mathematics in KS1 and KS2</p>	3
<p>Improve the quality of Embed social and emotional approaches into routine educational practices. CPD for staff to support with delivery</p> <p>£420 ELSA SLA SUPERVISION</p>	<p>There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life.</p> <p>EEF Social and Emotional Learning</p>	2

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

Budgeted cost: £ 4296

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils £500 TA TRAINING AND RESOURCES	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Phonics / Toolkit Strand / EEF	3, 4
Engaging in the National Tutoring Programme to provide a blend of tuition, mentoring and school-led tutoring. £1296 for Y4 tutoring (6 pupils x £18/pupil x 12 weeks) Employment of additional Teaching Assistant with a focus on language development £2500 TA	Targeted tuition can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind Small group tuition / Toolkit Strand / EEF	1, 2, 3

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

Budgeted cost: £ [insert amount]

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Staff training on behaviour management and SEMH approaches with the aim of developing our school ethos and improving behaviour for learning £2000 TEAM TEACH	Both targeted interventions and universal approaches can have positive overall effects Behaviour interventions EEF	2
Contingency fund for supporting disadvantaged families with access to healthy	Based on experience, we have identified a need to set a small amount of funding aside to respond quickly to needs identified	5

food, uniform (£50 allowance per eligible child per academic year), subsidy for trips/enrichment activities (50%), free access to one weekly club £2000		
Parent workshops to support parent well-being, offer programmes for parenting skills and upskill parents in how to support their child with reading and home-learning. £554 RELEASE TIME AND RESOURCES £6500 PASTORAL LEAD	Parental engagement has a positive impact on average of 4 months additional progress. It is crucial to consider how to engage with all parents to avoid widening attainment gap Parental engagement - EEF	

Total budgeted cost: £ 26,516

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

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This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2022 to 2023 academic year.

<p>KS2 data showed disadvantaged children achieved in line with non-disadvantaged – cohort of 7; 2/7 were PP and both achieved EXS+</p> <p>However, internal assessments during 2022/23 highlighted that the performance of disadvantaged pupils was lower than that of their non-disadvantaged peers. The school closures during the years prior to 2021/22 have adversely affected disadvantaged children more than non-disadvantaged children; even though the majority of disadvantaged children were offered school places, there was disruption to the continuity of curriculum delivery and interventions, and to enrichment activities.</p> <p>Overall attendance in 2022/23 was in line with national average. Attendance of disadvantaged children was mostly in line with non-disadvantaged peers, though of the PA, more were disadvantaged.</p> <p>The use of pupil premium funding to provide wellbeing support for pupils in the form of Rest Easy, Talkabout social skills group and a Family Support Worker across the school appeared to have a positive impact due to fewer overall recorded behavioural incidents and safeguarding referrals. We are building on our strategy from last year with the activities detailed in this plan, and the continued support of a Pastoral Lead to address parent needs.</p>

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
Rest Easy	
Little Wandle Letters and Sounds	
Pathways to Write	The Literacy Company
Pathways to Read	The Literacy Company
Nessy	
Power Maths	Pearson
Number Sense	
Times Table Rockstars	
Spelling Shed	
No Nonsense Spelling	
Kapow Curriculum Resources	
Team Teach	
Talkboost	
Talkabout	
Stoke Speaks Out	