

Pupil premium strategy statement

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 effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Becket Primary School
Number of pupils in school	176
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	36%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	3 years 2021/22 to 2024/25
Date this statement was published	December 2021
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2022
Statement authorised by	Luci Amos (Executive Head) and Zoe Bembridge (Head of School)
Pupil premium lead	Katie Grant
Governor / Trustee lead	Gov Kerry Mullinder

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 77,285
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£10,005
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£4,586
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	£91,876

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our intention is that our disadvantaged pupils achieve as well as their non-pupil premium peers. We want to redress the imbalance between our disadvantaged pupils and other pupils in terms of life experience and cultural capital. Our aim is for our disadvantaged pupils to achieve academically, physically, emotionally and socially in line with their peers. The purpose of our strategy is to support pupils to make good or better progress and achieve expected or better attainment across all subject areas.

We will consider the range of challenges faced by our vulnerable pupils/families, for example those with social workers, young carers and mental health needs. The strategies identified in this statement are intended to support their needs, whether they are disadvantaged or not.

Quality First Teaching is integral to our approach, alongside pastoral support to ensure pupils are ready to learn and access the classroom. High quality first teaching is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantaged attainment gap, as well as benefiting all pupils.

Our strategy encompasses plans for education recovery, prioritising reading in the first instance as this is the vehicle to accessing curriculum content and improving attainment more widely across the full range of subjects.

Our approach will continue to be responsive to identified common challenges and also maintain a focus on individual's needs; systematic diagnostic assessments, conferencing and knowledge of pupils and their individual family circumstances will inform the individual approach to application of the strategies we have adopted. To ensure they are effective we will:

- act swiftly to ensure support/intervention is provided at the point a need is identified
- continually review the impact of support to ensure it is effective (formally at least 6 weekly) and adapt provision as required
- adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve.

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 indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils. These are evident from Reception through to KS2 and in general, are more prevalent among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers.
2	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers and less opportunity to practice their phonics outside of school. This negatively impacts their development as readers. Phonic attainment in Year 1 June 2021 was 43%.
3	Our assessments, monitoring and pupil conferencing indicate that the education and wellbeing of many of our disadvantaged pupils have been impacted by partial school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils. These findings are supported by national studies.

	This has resulted in significant knowledge gaps and gaps in learning strategies leading to pupils falling further behind age-related expectations, with more significant gaps in reading and writing across most year groups.
4	<p>Our pupil conferencing/wellbeing surveys, observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified social, emotional and mental health issues for many pupils, notably limited contact/interaction outside of the household, anxiety around social mixing and a lack of enrichment opportunities during school closure. These challenges particularly affect disadvantaged pupils, including their attainment.</p> <p>20 pupils (11 of whom are pupil premium and a further 6 vulnerable for other reasons eg. Young Carer, SEND) currently require regular additional support with social and emotional needs, receiving small group or individual interventions. 8 families, all of whom are disadvantaged, receive regular checks in from the in school family support worker. Additional children have need based check ins or exit cards to access support when needed.</p>
5	<p>Our attendance data over the last 3 years indicates that attendance among disadvantaged pupils has been between 1.9 – 3.7% lower than for non-disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>In the previous 2 years 28 - 43% of disadvantaged pupils have been 'persistently absent' compared to 9 - 20% of their non-pupil premium peers during that period. Whilst we appreciate that the impact of COVID 19 has increased persistent absenteeism, our assessments and observations indicate that absenteeism is negatively impacting disadvantaged pupils' progress.</p>

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 oral language skills and vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils.	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.
Improved phonics and reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Teaching of phonics is consistent across the school.</p> <p>All staff are confident in using phonic strategies to support reading.</p> <p>Pupil make accelerated progress towards FFT 50 targets. (over 3 years FFT 20)</p> <p>Children read regularly and see themselves as readers.</p> <p>KS2 reading outcomes in 2024/25 show that more than 74% (2019 National) of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.</p>
Improved writing attainment among disadvantaged pupils. Improved feedback supports better outcomes.	<p>KS2 writing outcomes in 2024/25 show that more than 78% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard. Feedback is consistent across the school</p> <p>Feedback improves pupil outcomes in Writing.</p>
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024/25 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> qualitative data from pupil voice, pupil and parent surveys and teacher observations/learning walks behaviour logs (bullying, racist, sexualised) <p>a significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>Children develop wider life skills - Pupils participate in after school clubs eg. Sewing, cooking</p> <p>Pupils are ready to learn.</p>

<p>To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>Persistent absenteeism is reduced year on year.</p>	<p>Sustained high attendance from 2024/25 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the overall absence rate for all pupils being no more than 5%, and the attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers being reduced to 1%. • the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent being below 8.2% (2018/19 national figure) and reducing in line with the national figure. The persistent absentee figure among disadvantaged pupils being no more than 5% greater than their peers. (2020-21 academic year it was 11% higher than ALL persistent absentees) <p>Health Care Plans are in place, where appropriate, and outline a stepped return to full time education.</p>
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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

Budgeted cost: £5,153

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<i>Phonics Training for all staff</i>	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading, particularly for disadvantaged pupils. Evidence suggests weaker readers, as well as children with dyslexia, perform less well on phonemic awareness tasks. Training phoneme awareness can improve word reading. Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	2
<i>Purchase of standardised diagnostic assessments for Reading</i>	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: Standardised tests Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress Education Endowment Foundation EEF	3
Purchase of a DfE validated Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils.	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: Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF Evidence suggests weaker readers, as well as children with dyslexia, perform less well on phonemic awareness tasks. Training phoneme awareness can improve word reading.	2
Improve the quality of social and emotional learning. SEL approaches will be embedded into routine educational practices and supported by professional development and training for staff.	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): EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	4
<i>Work with partner school to improve the quality of reading teaching and learning.</i> <i>We will fund teacher release time to facilitate CPD including monitoring, coaching, observations of good practise</i>	https://d2fic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net/eef-guidance-reports/literacy-ks-1/Literacy KS1 Guidance Report 2020.pdf https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2	3

and shared planning opportunities.	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/effective-professional-development	
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Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 43,504

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Purchase of a programmes to improve listening, narrative and vocabulary skills for disadvantaged pupils who have relatively low spoken language skills.</p> <p>NELI</p> <p>Talk boost</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>Oral language interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>(EEF) has found that the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) boosts the language skills of four- and five-year olds by an additional three months.</p>	1
<p>Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support.</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>Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	2
<p>Engaging with the National Tutoring Programme to provide school-led tutoring for pupils whose education has been most impacted by the pandemic. A significant proportion of the pupils who receive tutoring will be disadvantaged.</p> <p>Lightning Squad in the first instance.</p>	<p>Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind in small groups:</p> <p>Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>EEF: There is extensive and consistent evidence from at least 6 meta-analyses and reviews, including studies involving pupils aged 7-11 of the impact of structured interventions and intensive one to one support.</p> <p>EEF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small group tuition +4 months • 1:1 tuition +5months • Early Years interventions +5 months • Reading comprehension strategies +6 months • social and emotional learning +4 months 	2, 3
<p>Appoint adult/s to facilitate 1:1 daily/3x weekly reading support targeted at disadvantaged pupils with limited outside school support.</p>	<p>Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind</p> <p>One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>EEF: Actively teaching reading fluency is important for all pupils and those judged to be</p>	3

	struggling are likely to benefit from targeted support.	
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £ 43,218

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<i>Review of school vision and values. Develop whole school ethos.</i>		1,2, 4 , 5
<i>Review the whole school behaviour policy with the aim of improving behaviour across the school, developing our school ethos and improving positive behaviours for learning.</i>	Both targeted interventions and universal approaches can have positive overall effects: Behaviour interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) EEF: reducing challenging behaviour can have a direct and lasting effect on pupils learning.	4
Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's Improving School Attendance advice. This will involve time for staff to develop and implement new procedures and the family support worker engaging persistent absentee families.	The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence. EEF Stated: levels of parental engagement are consistently associated with children's academic outcomes Good attendance has a positive impact on attainment and secures better relations with peers	5
<i>Ensuring pupils are emotionally and mentally ready to learn and access the classroom. Social anxiety strategies in place for pupils.</i> <i>Learning Mentor support through support programs – Learning mentor sessions, Hidden Chimp, Sensory circuits...</i>	The average impact of successful SEL interventions is an additional four months' progress over the course of a year. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning EEF: SEL interventions in education are shown to improve SEL skills and are therefore likely to support disadvantaged pupils to understand and engage in healthy relationships with peers and emotional self-regulation, both of which may subsequently increase academic attainment. Young Minds research reported: emotional wellbeing is a clear indicator of academic achievement and success	4, 5
<i>Ensuring disadvantaged pupils have access to a broad and balanced curriculum, including enrichment activities.</i>	EEF: enriching education has intrinsic benefits - all children, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds, deserve a well-rounded, culturally rich, education.	4, 5

Total budgeted cost: £ 91,875

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.

Our internal assessments during 2020/21 suggested that the performance of disadvantaged pupils was lower than non-disadvantaged in the vast majority of year groups and core subjects. Internal data on full return to school from March 2021 onwards highlighted that for most dis-advantaged pupils the gaps had increased. The outcomes we aimed to achieve in our previous strategy by the end of 2020/21 were therefore not fully realised and the gaps remained significant.

Our assessment of the reasons for these outcomes points in part to Covid-19 impact, which disrupted all our subject areas to varying degrees. As evidenced in schools across the country, school closure was most detrimental to our disadvantaged pupils, and they were not able to benefit from our pupil premium funded improvements to teaching and targeted interventions to the degree we had intended. We maintained a commitment to high-quality education for all, issuing families with laptops, sim cards and home visits to model how to use Teams to access online lessons, despite this some families still had limited engagement with online sessions, missing vital phonics/spelling sessions, maths skill teaching etc. Throughout the Lockdowns and partial opening periods our school family support worker and social skills LSA maintained contact with all families, inviting addition vulnerable pupils to attend school, providing paper copies of work and ensuring all had every opportunity to be able to access their learning.

Overall attendance in 2020/21 was lower than in the year preceding Covid impact, 2018/19 96%. At times since the Covid pandemic, when all pupils were expected to attend school, absence among disadvantaged pupils was 3.7% higher than for all children and persistent absence 11% higher over the last academic year. These gaps are larger than in previous years, which is why attendance is a focus of our current plan.

Our assessments, surveys and observations indicated that pupil social interaction, wellbeing and mental health were significantly impacted last year, primarily due to COVID-19-related issues. The impact was particularly acute for disadvantaged pupils. We used pupil premium funding to provide wellbeing support for all pupils, and targeted interventions where required. We are building on that approach with the activities detailed in this plan.

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you purchased in the previous academic year. This will help the Department for Education identify which ones are popular in England

Programme	Provider
Spelling Shed	Ed Shed
White Rose Maths	White Rose
Classroom Secrets	Classroom Secrets
Jigsaw – PSHE/RSE curriculum	Jigsaw – PSHE/RSE curriculum
TT Rockstars/Numbots	mathscircle.com

Further information (optional)

Additional activity

Our pupil premium strategy will be supplemented by additional activity that is not being funded by pupil premium or recovery premium. That will include:

- embedding more effective practice around feedback. EEF evidence demonstrates this has significant benefits for pupils, particularly disadvantaged pupils.
- utilising a DfE grant to train a senior mental health lead. The training we select will focus on the training needs identified through the online tool.
- offering a wide range of high-quality extracurricular activities to boost wellbeing, social interaction, attendance, and aspiration. Activities will focus on building life skills such as confidence, resilience, and socialising. Disadvantaged pupils will be encouraged and supported to participate. Activities may include: Mendip Outdoor Pursuits, music lessons/festival participation, Forest school, an increased range of after school clubs.

Planning, implementation, and evaluation

In planning our new pupil premium strategy, we evaluated why activity undertaken in previous years had not had the degree of impact that we had expected, as well as considering approaches implemented that showed improved outcomes.

We triangulated evidence from multiple sources of data including assessments, pupil surveys, book scrutiny, conversations with parents, family support worker foci, learning mentor caseload, students and teachers in order to identify the challenges faced by disadvantaged pupils.

We looked at a number of reports, studies and research papers about effective use of pupil premium, the impact of disadvantage on education outcomes and how to address challenges to learning presented by socio-economic disadvantage. We also looked at studies about the impact of the pandemic on disadvantaged pupils. Our pastoral team engaged with local training and the mental health network to develop further strategies to support children with SEL needs.

We used the EEF's implementation guidance to help us develop our strategy and work out which activities and approaches are likely to work in our school. We will continue to use it through the implementation of activities.

We have put a robust evaluation framework in place for the duration of our three-year approach and will adjust our plan over time to secure better outcomes for pupils.