

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	Berkeley Primary School
Number of pupils in school	193
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	14%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023/2024 2024/2025 2025/2026
Date this statement was published	December 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2025
Statement authorised by	Alexandra Robbins Headteacher
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Governor / Trustee lead	Helen Cerullo Chair of Governors

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£42,140
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years	£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	£42,140

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Berkeley Primary School, we use pupil premium funding to improve the educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in our school. We are aware that evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their full potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils. We recognise that our pupils can experience different barriers to learning and that these barriers can be long term, short term or can change over time. We believe it is vital that these barriers are identified and addressed in order for our pupils to achieve their maximum potential. These barriers may include one or more of the following factors:

- Lack of resources to support home learning
- Lack of support at home
- Low levels of aspiration
- weak language and communication skills
- lack of confidence/self-esteem
- attendance and punctuality issues
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- Complex family situations
- A narrow range of experiences and opportunities

Berkeley Primary School leaders, who are best placed to assess their pupils' needs in terms of how to use this funding, will use evidence to inform their decisions, including school data and research evidence provided by the EEF (Education Endowment Foundation). When making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged. We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.

Our ultimate objectives are:

- ✓ To narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils.
- ✓ For all disadvantaged pupils in school to make or exceed nationally expected progress rates.
- ✓ To support our children's health and wellbeing to enable them to access learning and wider opportunities at an appropriate level.

We aim to do this through investing in the following areas:

1. Teaching

Training and professional development for teachers and teaching partners
 Ensuring that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all pupils
 Providing quality feedback to pupils

2. Targeted Academic Support

One to one and small group additional reading opportunities
 Small group interventions
 Parent workshops to support reading, writing and mathematics

3. Wider Strategies

Parenting support, including workshops, courses and targeted support for poor attendance.
 Thrive approach and play therapy to support emotional health and well-being.
 Support payment for activities, educational visits and residential trips and school uniform.
 Providing enrichment opportunities to ensure children have first-hand experiences to use in their learning in the classroom.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Limited parental engagement with oracy has resulted in poor SAL, phonics and Reading. Assessments, observations and discussions with pupils indicate under developed oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among a significant number of disadvantaged pupils.
2	Our assessment data and observations indicate that we need to narrow the attainment gap across Reading, Writing and Maths, between pupils who are disadvantaged in relation to their peers.
3	Our assessment data and observations indicate that we need to close the attainment gap in children achieving greater depth, particularly in writing and maths, between pupils who are disadvantaged in relation to their peers.
4	Attendance data for the last 12 months indicates that attendance among disadvantaged pupils has been 3% lower than that of their peers. 23% of disadvantaged pupils have been 'persistently absent' compared to 15.4% of their peers during that period.

5	Observations, teacher referrals and discussions with pupils and families, have identified a need to provide additional support for pupils with SEMH needs and remove evidenced SEMH barriers to learning.
6	Addressing the impact of the pandemic on pupils, in terms of their learning, lack of enrichment opportunities and lack of social interactions.
7	Discussions with pupils and families, and referrals from other agencies (including social care) have identified a need to empower parents through provision of parenting support.

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, at the end of KS1 and KS2 in 2025/2026. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including book scrutiny.
Improved phonics attainment among disadvantaged pupils by the end of KS1.	KS1 national phonic test scores each year show that a greater % of disadvantaged pupils achieve the pass mark than previous years. July 2024 Y1 100% 1 Y2 100% 6/6 July 2025 Y1 (1) Y2 (1) July 2026 Y1 Y2
Disadvantaged pupils will make good or better progress in reading, writing and maths from their individual starting points.	Progress for disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2 will show good or better progress in reading, writing and maths. 2024 (3) 67% EXP RWM 2025 2026
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high attendance, demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attendance of disadvantaged pupils, as a cohort, being above 95% 2023/24 92% (non-dis 95%)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024/25 • 2025/26 • Percentage of disadvantaged pupils who are persistently absent to be in line with non-disadvantaged pupils • 2023/24 23% (non-dis 15.3%) • 2024/25 • 2025/26
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils	<p>Sustained high levels of wellbeing demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations • a significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils evidence of progress in emotional learning in targeted group of disadvantaged pupils, through evidence based social and emotional interventions, including THRIVE. • In 2023/4, most (86%) of the disadvantaged pupils who took part in the Thrive intervention made at least expected progress in social and emotional learning (30% across 6 terms), with an average progress measure of 31.4% for this group.
To provide parenting support, leading to improved well-being of parents and pupils	Positive feedback from parents (verbally and through course evaluation forms).

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost:4000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s)
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		addressed
Dedicated Feedback time for groups and individuals	<p>EEF toolkit states that providing feedback is well-evidenced and has a high impact on learning outcomes. Effective feedback tends to focus on the task, subject and self-regulation strategies: it provides specific information on how to improve.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/feedback</p> <p>EEF measures the impact on learning of this type of intervention as +7 months for primary aged pupils.</p>	2 & 3
Purchase of a DfE validated systematic synthetic phonics programme (Little Wandle) to secure stronger phonics teaching for all our pupils.	<p>The EEF conclude that “phonics has a positive impact overall with very extensive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.”</p> <p>EEF measures the impact on learning of this type of intervention as +5 months for primary aged pupils.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/phonics</p>	1
Reading comprehension strategies	<p>The EEF toolkit concludes that “reading comprehension strategies are high impact. Alongside phonics it is a crucial component of early reading instruction”.</p> <p>EEF measures the average impact on learning of this type of intervention as +6 months for primary aged pupils.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reading-comprehension-strategies</p>	1 & 2
Embedding dialogic activities across the school curriculum. These can support pupils to articulate key ideas, consolidate understanding and extend vocabulary	<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>EEF measures the impact on learning of this type of intervention as +6 months for primary aged pupils (and +7 months in early years pupils).</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/oral-language-interventions</p>	1
Whole staff CPD on behaviour strategies.	EEF toolkit states concludes that both targeted and universal behaviour approaches can have positive overall effects (+4 months average impact on learning).	5

<p>Classroom staff CPD on neurodiversity and THRIVE.</p>	<p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/behaviour-interventions</p> <p>CPD on Neurodiversity will be delivered by the ADHD foundation, drawing on recent research on supporting neurodiverse pupils in the classroom. https://adhd.foundation.org.uk/</p> <p>Social and Emotional Learning – interventions which target social and emotional learning seek to improve pupil’s interaction with others and self- management of emotions, rather than focusing directly on the academic or cognitive elements of learning. These include: specialised programmes which are targeted at students with particular social or emotional needs. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning</p>	
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Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 17.565

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>One-to-one and small group structured interventions, including phonics and reading comprehension</p>	<p>The EEF toolkit states that targeted deployment, where teaching assistants are trained to deliver an intervention to small groups or individuals has a higher impact than general classroom deployment. EEF measures the average impact on learning of this type of targeted intervention as +5 months for primary aged pupils. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/teaching-assistant-interventions See also evidence on phonics and reading comprehension above.</p>	<p>1,2,3</p>
<p>Parent workshops – reading, writing and phonics Parent/child joint learning sessions</p>	<p>The EEF defines parental engagement as the involvement of parents in supporting their children’s academic learning. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general approaches which encourage parents to support their children with, for example reading or homework; 	<p>1</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the involvement of parents in their children's learning activities <p>EEF measures the impact on learning of this type of intervention as +4 months for primary aged pupils.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagement</p>	
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £ 20,575

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
To provide parenting support through parenting courses and workshops, delivered by the school PSA, who is a trained facilitator.	The PSA is a trained facilitator of the Parents Plus children's programme. This is an evidenced based parenting programme, with evidence gathered from over 25 studies. The evidence base can be accessed here: https://www.parentsplus.ie/parentsplus-research/	7, 5
Embed principle of good practice set out in the DfE's 'Improving School Attendance' document, in order to identify and address barriers to good attendance, including liaison with outside services (Attendance and Inclusion	The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance/framework-for-securing-full-attendance-actions-for-schools-and-local-authorities	4

Team and Early help).		
<p>SEMH interventions: Train two additional Thrive practitioners to support children who are having difficulty accessing learning due to emotional needs, using the Thrive approach, to support their emotional development and management of their own behaviour.</p>	<p>Social and Emotional Learning – interventions which target social and emotional learning seek to improve pupil’s interaction with others and self- management of emotions, rather than focusing directly on the academic or cognitive elements of learning. These include: specialised programmes which are targeted at students with particular social or emotional needs.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning</p> <p>The EEF toolkit measures the impact on learning of this type of intervention as +4 months for primary aged pupils</p>	5
<p>To provide enrichment opportunities , (including opportunities for pupils to be challenged through learning opportunities provided by our academy link with Marling school).</p>	<p>To provide enrichment opportunities to increase the cultural capital of learners and ensure they have a range of first hand experiences to enhance their learning. OFSTED research (2019) places emphasis on improving cultural capital, particularly for disadvantaged pupils.</p>	6
<p>To provide support with school uniform, trips, including residential trips (at a 50% subsidy rate) and swimming lessons</p>	<p>Ensure that those pupils who are identified as needing support with uniform, trips and swimming lessons, will not be further disadvantaged by being unable to afford these items.</p> <p>EEF toolkit states that “pupils from lower socio economic households are less likely to be able to afford the cost of school uniforms.” It is important that schools consider this when attempting to close the disadvantage gap.</p>	6 & 7

Total budgeted cost: £ 42,140