

Pupil premium strategy statement This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2024 to 2025 academic year) funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils. With review of 23-24. 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	Keelman's Way School
Number of pupils in school	195
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	53
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2025-26
Date this statement was published	Oct 25
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2026
Statement authorised by	Phil Johnson
Pupil premium lead	Melanie King

Governor / Trustee lead Phil Johnson **Funding overview**

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	117,000
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	0
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	117,000
School contribution	

Statement of intent

Our ultimate goal is for all pupils to reach the greatest independence they can while in school and when they move on to their next phase of education and into adulthood. In addition to socio economic factors our pupils have learning, physical and health difficulties that can impact on their progress.

School data shows us where best to target a wide range of interventions that support all pupils within school as well as those identified as allocated to PP.

We use pupil premium funding to help us achieve and sustain positive outcomes for our disadvantaged pupils in their academic success, physical access to the curriculum and to small group focussed teaching alongside their peers.

Access to the wider community, their understanding of their own needs and strengths is a key area for preparation for life beyond school and into adulthood.

We want pupils and families to be supported and able to understand how to advocate for their own future in the community.

School data is used to lead the strategy and ensure that all groups, including the most able, have access to the best possible teaching interventions and a very personalised curriculum. Personal and social development is a key factor in these decisions.

A wide range of interactions including music therapy, speech and language and community activities contribute to the learning.

Pupils access a breadth of curriculum that supports their learning, their personal interests and aspirations for the future.

Provision of quality interventions by staff with specific expertise increases the learning and life outcomes for all pupils as well as the disadvantaged, teacher time and HLTA is allocated to this as required.

Specialist support for some areas will be enhanced e.g early physical development, music and preparation for families planning for transition from school.

We will also provide disadvantaged pupils with support to develop independent life and social skills and continue to ensure that high-quality work experience, careers guidance and further and higher education guidance is available to all.

Education off site for pupils to prepare for and meet the challenge of Duke of Edinburgh Award as well as access to targeted activities for school clubs during the school day.

We will be introducing additional opportunities for pupil voice from younger pupils in school, including Junior D of E and widening the range of school council.

All planned interventions link with our school Vision and form part of the mission statement.

Outside specialists have been included, notably music therapy and educational psychology support, in the planned interventions for specific pupils.

A new satellite school is in place to support additional local pupils that need specialist communication and sensory based provision.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Pupils' academic and personal development need to be secure. Pupils with complex behaviour need to engage in the curriculum with targeted support and a personalised curriculum that matches their needs
2	Speech and language skills are especially compromised for our disadvantaged pupils, observation and data shows that pupils need additional, targeted group support to move forward. Specific activities e.g. Lego Club, Little Chatterboxes support the particular needs of individuals identified in school data.
3	Observation and data shows us that some disadvantaged pupils are impacted by socio economic circumstances in South Tyneside that result in a high level of deprivation.
4	Consistent access to community has a significant impact upon pupils' cultural capital, understanding of the wider world and appreciation of others' needs and roles in their lives. Many of our pupils have limited access through family provision due to their complex needs and the school seeks to support opportunities to address this.
5	Independence skills e.g. travel, access to mainstream facilities like gym and local shops needs to be maintained as some pupils have limited access to these in the course of their daily life. Personal skills are a key element of the development that leads pupils to be ready for adulthood and their next steps in education.
6.	Quality of training needs to be maintained for staff to have the skills to address the increasing areas of challenge in pupils' education.

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
Targeted support will ensure pupils meet expectations alongside their peers in SALT, PSD, and academic success	Pupils will achieve success that matches the PLG
Pupils with diagnosis of ASD will have the support of staff that fully understand how to meet their need	Improved CPD for all staff to inform teaching and learning.
Staff engagement in class based targeted research will match pupils needs using up to date research and strategies in relation to supporting complex behaviours	Class data will show no disadvantaged children to be falling behind peers in areas of Personal Development CPOMs will demonstrate significant reduction of complex behaviours
Pupils will have frequent access to safe play space and locations beyond school including residential	PDS data will show that disadvantaged pupils match their peers' outcomes. Pupil attendance at residential will show no eligible child is disadvantaged
Staff training for all will ensure staff are sufficiently skilled to support our pupils	Planning and delivery of curriculum will be effective and evidenced in pupil achievements

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: £

Performance management/research projects	6000
ASD and Educational Psychologist budget	4000
Staff training updates	5000
Qualification updates	1000
Early Career Teacher support (SLT mentor Time)	2500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
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Professional development/inquiry projects will be carried out in class teams to establish good practice for the cohort and to share with other school teams enhancing staff knowledge and practice.

The projects will be themed around specific conditions impacting on pupils in their cohort. To develop a wider understanding of conditions and disabilities.

School and external training programme for updates of existing staff and induction of new staff.

Targeted CPD on Autism and Trauma informed response.

https://www.evidenceforlearning.net/barr_ycarpenter/

ile:///C:/Users/PSelby/Downloads/school-based-collaborative-enquiry.pdf

Detailed programme is in place to support all updates on Safeguarding and staff teams supporting pupils

Qualifications updates will be in place to find more efficient and effective processes for delivery.	Training and support for staff delivering and assessing qualifications	5
Support and development for additional development in Teaching and Learning via NPQ's for a number of staff.	Classes will have access to additional high quality advice and training to build on current practice.	6

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

Budgeted cost: £ [insert amount]

Music therapy /curriculum	2000 therapist Teacher support £10000
Identified groups relating to EHCP/PSD/SEMH interventions.	27,000
Team Teach/inclusion lead support for parent projects.	9000

Literacy intervention lead Reading support	10,000
Intervention lead exam support	2000
More able pupils support / EFL targeted support	24950
Sensory Intervention room	16000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Music training for staff will support the whole school development of the subject</p> <p>The training will be implemented by staff in</p>	<p>Music therapy has been shown to be very successful for support of some complex pupils.</p>	3,4

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<p>class groups and in the new 'Studio'</p>		
<p>Targeted intervention support to increase staff capacity to meet the needs of specific pupils identified as disadvantaged due to SALT, medical and behavioural needs.</p> <p>Staff skills will be matched to appropriate groups that are identified via EFL and PLG outcomes</p>	<p>Pupils benefit from personalised therapeutic sessions that meet the expectations identified in the EHCP plan Well trained HLTAs with specific areas of expertise focus on areas for pupil development physical, language, behavioural development (SEMH) Art therapy to support targeted engagement for SEMH and Behavioural challenges</p> <p>Closing The Gap: The Benefits Of Small Group Tuition - Engage ...</p>	1,2,3

<p>More able pupils, including the disadvantaged, will be supported to exceed expectations in Number and literacy through interventions sessions.</p> <p>Upgraded, targeted phonics programmes for the more able will be integrated into class and groups activities</p>	<p>School EFL data will be used to identify pupils across the whole school that can be coached from all classes in order that they meet expected targets. This will ensure that they can achieve the very best accreditation when they leave school.</p> <p>More able pupils from KS3 onward will be assessed to establish expectations for exam entries at post 16</p> <p>Local authority specialist support lead will advise.</p>	<p>1,2,3</p>
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £ [insert amount]

Cultural capital/preparation for adulthood	10000
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Onsite outdoor learning 5000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Preparations for adulthood activities will	Our pupils need explicit teaching to allow them to access the wider	4,5

<p>ensure the pupils engage in on and offsite activities that extend their engagement in the wider world e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● residential experiences. ● work experience ● travel training ● educational visits related to school structured learning including reading ● visits to museums and local places of interest and learning <p>D of E will be supported financially</p>	<p>world. These activities need more planning to overcome the disadvantage of a all kinds</p> <p>Cultural capital “the essential knowledge that children need to be educated citizens” (Ofsted EY Inspection Handbook 2019, p31). It goes on to say: Cultural capital is the essential knowledge that children need to prepare them for their future success.</p> <p>Home-to-school travel and transport - GOV.UK</p>	
<p>Pupils will access all activities the site has to offer to regain the confidence in their independence and social relationships. They will learn about keeping themselves safe in and out of school as well as online</p>	<p>Pupils have a great enthusiasm for outside environment, Access to outdoor activities enhances independence cooperation with peers and adults as well as structured academic learning. Access to learning in fresh air helps limit risk for infections</p> <p>Council for Learning Outside the Classroom</p>	<p>4,5,</p>
<p>Improved access to Duke of Edinburgh. Training own staff on delivery of modules.</p>	<p>Pupils thrive on opportunities to learn outdoors. Access to Dof E activities supports this learning and development of social, wellbeing and independence skills.</p>	<p>4,5</p>

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Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2024-25 academic year.

Qualifications Achieved

9 leavers in 2025 – 4 Subject Specific /3 Semi formal / 2 PMLD – all achieved a qualification

Pupil 1 - ASDAN Certificate in Personal Progress – Pre Entry

Pupil 2 - ASDAN Certificate in Personal Progress – Pre Entry

Pupil 3 - ASDAN Certificate in Personal Progress – Entry Level

Arts Award Discover

Pupil 4 - ASDAN Certificate in Personal Progress – Entry Level

Arts Award Discover

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Pupil 5 - ASDAN Certificate in Personal Progress – Entry Level

Arts Award Explore

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Pupil 6 - ASDAN Certificate in Personal and Social Development – Entry Level 2

ASDAN Certificate in Employability – Entry Level 2

NCFE Maths – Entry Level 2

Arts Award Explore

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Pupil 7 - ASDAN Certificate in Personal and Social Development – Entry Level 2

ASDAN Certificate in Employability – Entry Level 2

NCFE Maths – Entry Level 1

NCFE English – Entry Level 3

Arts Award Explore

Pupil 8 - ASDAN Certificate in Personal and Social Development – Entry Level 2

ASDAN Certificate in Employability – Entry Level 2

NCFE Maths – Entry Level 3

Arts Award Explore

Pupil 9 - ASDAN Certificate in Personal and Social Development – Entry Level 2

ASDAN Certificate in Employability – Entry Level 2

NCFE Maths – Entry Level 3

NCFE Literacy – Entry Level 2

Arts Award Explore

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

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	

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Further information (optional)

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