

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
School name	Simonside Primary School
Number of pupils in school	253
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	60.08%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2023/24
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2024
Statement authorised by	Donna Scott/Samantha Harrison
Pupil Premium lead	Donna Scott
Governor / Trustee lead	Samantha Harrison

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£194,970
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£19,430
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	£214,400

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Simonside Primary School we make use of the Pupil Premium funding to ensure that our disadvantaged pupils receive the highest quality of education to enable them to become active, socially responsible citizens of the future. We recognise that disadvantaged children can face a wide range of barriers which may impact on their learning. This can include less support at home, weak language and communication skills, lack of confidence and attendance and punctuality issues. There may also be complex family situations which can prevent the children from achieving.

Our ultimate objectives are:

- To ensure all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve
- To narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non- disadvantaged pupils in all subjects
- 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 at an appropriate level
- To support parents/carers with their child's learning and development

We aim to do this through:

- Providing all teachers with high quality CPD to ensure that pupils access effective quality first teaching
- Providing targeted intervention and support to quickly address identified gaps in learning including the use of small group work. Feedback is timely and impacts on the progress made in children's learning
- Target funding to ensure that all pupils have access to trips, residential and first-hand learning experiences
- Providing opportunities for all pupils to participate in enrichment activities including sport and music
- Providing appropriate nurture support to enable pupils to access learning within and beyond the classroom
- Clear communication with our families about the children's learning and working collaboratively

The intended outcomes detailed below will show how school intends to achieve the above objectives to ensure our disadvantaged pupils' attainment will improve and close the gap with their non-disadvantaged peers. We will ensure that effective teaching, learning and assessment meets the needs of all pupils through the rigorous analysis of data and termly Pupil Progress meetings. Class teachers will identify specific intervention and support for individual pupils. Alongside academic support, we will ensure that those pupils who have

social, emotional and mental health needs will access high quality provision from appropriately trained adults.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Low attainment on entry to Reception in Communication and Language-Knowledge of the World and Expressive Art and Design used to create a language rich environment
2	Assessments and observations indicate our disadvantaged pupils have greater difficulties with Writing than their peers
3	Assessments and observations indicate our disadvantaged pupils have greater difficulties with Maths than their peers
4	There has been an increase in children and families requiring support for their emotional, financial and well-being needs in and out of school

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
Increase the % of children achieving GLD in Knowledge of the World and Expressive Art and Design	% increase in GLD from baseline % increase of disadvantaged children achieving GLD Reception outdoor area is redeveloped to promote KotW and EA&D
Improve the percentage of children attaining expected level in Writing	% increase in the number of children achieving at least expected or higher. Progress is in line with national at end of KS2
Improve the percentage of children attaining expected level in Maths	% increase in the number of children achieving at least expected or higher. Progress is in line with national at end of Key Stage 2 Sustain the increase % of children passing the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
To provide children with experiences which will promote their understanding of the wider world and build confidence	Opportunities to engage in a range of activities are provided for, e.g. residentials, visits/visitors in and out of school

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: £70,943.75

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Increase parental engagement with learning through workshops and curriculum sessions within the school day	EEF +4 months Providing practical strategies with tips, support, and resources to assist learning at home may be more beneficial to pupil outcomes than generic help	1, 2, 3, 4
To ensure quality teaching and learning so that all teaching is at least good	The EEF states that improving classroom teaching increases independent thinking, self-esteem confidence and problem-solving skills by four months	1, 2, 3, 4
Embed the practice of children recalling their previous learning	The EEF states that this helps to motivate learners and instil persistence and resilience in their learning which then boosts confidence.	1, 2, 3, 4
Small group adult support for disadvantaged children with complex SEND needs	Research which focuses on teaching assistants who provide one to one or small group targeted interventions shows a stronger positive benefit of between four and six additional months on average of progress.	2, 3, 4

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

Budgeted cost: £70,407.70

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Use of Read Write Inc programme to secure strong phonics teaching to all pupils	There is research to show that younger learners in EYFS/KS1 benefit from phonics to support their reading and can increase attainment by 5 months (EEF)	1, 2, 3, 4
Targeted small group activities to support communication and language skills.	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	1, 2, 3

Research into the Voice 21 (Oracy Framework) to begin to embed across the school	attainment. The EEF states that good speaking and listening skills improve behaviour and social outcomes and can increase learner confidence with an attainment gain of 5 months	
Purchase of digital technologies eg, Times Tables Rockstars	Digital technology can be used to bring about improvements in attainment, producing on average an extra four months progress over a year (EEF)	1, 2, 3
Purchase of Grammarsaurus-training for staff, delivered to children and a clear curriculum map showing progress linked to grammar in writing and high quality texts	Improving the teaching of grammar across school will help children to make a gain of 4 months in attainment (EEF)	2, 3

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

Budgeted cost: £73,048.55

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Social and Emotional support through the Attendance and Inclusion Support Coordinator/DSL as well as a counsellor	There has been an increase in the need for support for children and families and a lot of our families appreciate the relationships developed with this member of staff. Counsellor provides a more instant form of access for the children and is a familiar face around school	1-4
Kidsafe	Increased mental health support needed for children along with an increase in online usage ensures we are building awareness, resilience and how to access support and help	1, 2, 3
A Star Attendance online system for monitoring attendance	Current attendance monitoring is time consuming. This will reduce the time taken to monitor and allow for the increase in the support provided to families thus improving and maintaining attendance percentages above 95% which will impact on attainment and progress	1-4
Wider curriculum experiences planned throughout the year. (cultural capital)	The term 'cultural capital' is defined as "the essential knowledge that children need to be educated citizens" Ofsted Early Years Inspection handbook.	1, 2, 3, 4

	Children will benefit from a residential trip and visits linked to the curriculum	
Use of school-wide Golden Points reward system for behaviour, alongside Lunchtime STARS and weekly class STARS	Children are motivated to earn the rewards and classroom and corridor environments are calmer and children are ready to learn	1, 2, 3

Total budgeted cost: £214,400

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.

In school we have termly data analysis taking place of all subjects with Pupil Progress meetings held with class teachers on a termly basis to identify individuals and/or groups of children who require targeted support/challenge to enable them to achieve. This is supported by lesson observations, book looks and learning walks involving senior leaders, Subject Leads and Link Governors who are responsible for areas highlighted in the School Development Plan.

72% of Year 1 children passed the Phonics screening (National was 79%) and 91% of Year 2 children passed the Phonics screening.

38% of Year 4 children scored full marks on the Multiplication Tables Check with 74% scoring 20+. This was a significant improvement on the previous year.

The purchase of A Star Attendance impacted on overall attendance despite a range of illnesses continuing to affect the children and showed an end of year average at 94% which was up from 93% the previous year. PA has continued to reduce and is now 17.9%. Overall absence for 2022 to 2023 was 6% which is now in line with national.

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
Times Tables Rock Stars	Times Tables Rock Stars
Kidsafe	Kidsafe UK
Sonar Curriculum and Tracker	Juniper Education
Targeted English and Maths support for Reception Lunchtime and after school Sports clubs	South Shields Football Club
Forest School	Scouted

Further information

- Breakfast Club is provided for any families who require this. It is very well attended. Wraparound the Clock is after school provision for up to two hours for families
- Lunchtime clubs and after school clubs are run by members of staff to enhance the curriculum across school
- Booster groups are available for Year 6 and Year 2 in the Spring term. Booster groups will also be introduced in Year 5 during the Summer term
- Subject Leads are given dedicated time and training to build upon the curriculum offer and ensure progression is evident across the year groups as well as monitoring the support and challenge of all learners