

## Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2025 to 2026 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	Graham James Primary Academy
Number of pupils in school	452 (43 of these children in nursery)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	59 children – 14.43%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers ( <b>3 year plans are recommended</b> )	2024-2027
Date this statement was published	September 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2027
Statement authorised by	
Pupil premium lead	Mrs J Akehurst
Governor / Trustee lead	Annaliese Day

### Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this financial year	£113,624.00
<b>Total budget for this academic year</b>	£113,624.00

## Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

### Statement of intent

*At Graham James Primary Academy our ultimate goal is for children entitled to Pupil premium to be resilient learners, judged no differently to their peers. We hope for any gaps that any child has at the beginning of their academic journey to be quickly identified and children should be supported to close these gaps so that they have equal opportunities to their peers.*

*At Graham James we use the Pupil premium funding within the school to focus on class support, interventions and well-being support to ensure that children have both the learning ability and the emotional well-being to access their learning, building successful relationships and plan for an exciting future.*

### Challenges

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

<b>Challenge number</b>	<b>Detail of challenge</b>
1	An increasing number of disadvantaged have delayed speech and language and require support in the Early Years and Key Stage One to Catch up.
2	Children that are disadvantaged are twice as likely to have Special Educational Needs than those that are not disadvantaged.
3	Children that are disadvantaged are more likely to make slower progress due to other factors e.g. SEND, EAL, attendance etc
4	An increasing number of children with Pupil premium also have emotional barriers that prevent them from being ready to learn.
5	Children eligible for PPG in the Early Years are less likely to meet age related expectations
6	Specific year groups made less progress following on from lockdown, having more SEMH and finding it more difficult to learn at the time.

## 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
<p>Children's language skills will enable them to engage in social activities and with their curriculum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Language link assessments to be undertaken as a baseline at the beginning of each year and interventions planned from this</li> <li>-Speech and language referrals made where appropriate</li> <li>-SEN adult to deliver Speech and language support 1:1 following speech and language plans</li> <li>-SEN team to deliver language link interventions</li> <li>-Children's Language link age standardised score to improve and for them to close the gap between them and their peers.</li> <li>- Close working relationship with link speech therapist to be fostered so that early identification of speech and language needs can be made and referrals/ care plans put in place.</li> </ul>
<p>Children with SEN are supported to make progress, to engage with the curriculum and to close the gap between themselves and their peers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Children to have access to interventions via additional adults and the SEN team that target their area of need</li> <li>- Children have access to a varied curriculum that allows them to engage and access all learning. Teachers use appropriate strategies to support children, including those provided by outside agencies.</li> <li>-Children are confident in using prompts that build independence</li> </ul>
<p>Children will be able to regulate their emotions, understand their own feelings and know how to help themselves or seek help.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-All children will be familiar with the zones of regulation and strategies to use for different zones</li> <li>-Children will be able to engage in their curriculum and build friendship groups -</li> <li>Children will be identified appropriately for further intervention and support.</li> <li>- Emotions and communications groups will be run by the SEN Team providing support for these children and teaching them skills to self regulate.</li> <li>- Drawing and talking therapy/ sand therapy to be used with children who need to be given opportunities to talk. Trained LSA to deliver this.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SEN LSA to provide regular check ins with children who struggle to regulate emotions so as to pre-empt problems and ensure children are ready to learn.</li> </ul>
Children identified as PPG in the Early Years close the gap between themselves and their peers so that they reach the Good Level of Development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Children will have access to a key person approach to focus on children's specific needs in the Early Years</li> <li>-Additional adults will support in the Early Years to close children's gaps in all areas.</li> <li>-Children will have access to an engaging and rich curriculum.</li> <li>- Children expand their language and communication skills through language focused play.</li> <li>-PPG will be quickly identified and supported appropriately.</li> </ul>
Specific Year groups to receive additional support to close their learning gaps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Year groups identified as to where support is most needed. SEN timetable and additional adult deployment/ support takes this into account.</li> <li>-Support is tailored as to child need</li> <li>- Progress is accelerated</li> </ul>

### 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)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<i>To embed the Zones of regulation approach across the school to support Mental wellbeing through PSHE lessons, training and interventions.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Educational Psychologists promote the Zones of regulation as to a strategy to support in understanding their emotions and finding strategies to manage their emotions.</li> <li>-The Education Endowment Fund states' Meta cognition and Self Regulation has very high impact for very low cost based on extensive evidence'.</li> </ul>	4

<i>Phonics teaching from Early Years to Year 6 (KS2 children who failed phonics screening) follows a setting a structured approach to support children and uses all adults and LSA's.</i>	-The Education Endowment Fund states 'Explicit graduated teaching of Phonics has high impact for low cost on very extensive evidence'	3, 5, 2, 6
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Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Evidence that supports this approach</b>	<b>Challenge number(s) addressed</b>
<i>Adults – SEN support on a timetable to close academic gaps.</i>	The Education Endowment fund states 'Small group tuition has moderate impact based on moderate evidence'	6, 3
<i>Inclusion leader supporting SEN three days per week, including via advising the use of strategies within the classroom</i>	Adults know how to support children, whether PPG, EAL or SEN. Strategies are effective and evidence shows that children's gaps are closing.	2, 3, 6

<i>Pupil premium used to support disadvantaged children during the school day through the use of learning support assistants.</i>	This supports children to close the gaps on their peers.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
<i>Anxiety Gremlin intervention used to support children with anxiety and struggling to manage their emotions.</i>	Thurrock wellbeing service provided training to all full time LSA's and LSA's to provide interventions in all year groups.	4, 3
<i>Mental health and well-being lead available for any children across the school led by a teacher</i>	Social and Emotional Learning has a high impact on children's whole learning according to the EEF.	4

<p><i>Identified children will receive language link and speech link interventions through Early Years and Key stage one following on from assessments.</i></p>	<p>The Education Endowment Fund reports that Oral Language interventions have very high impact for low cost.</p> <p>Previous experience of this intervention has shown that children have closed their language barriers and caught up with their peers.</p>	<p>1, 3</p>
<p><i>Talk and Draw therapy and sand therapy to be delivered to support children who need 1:1 to regulate emotions and manage anxieties.</i></p>	<p>Intervention has been well-received by children over the last three years, supporting children with their anxieties.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p><i>Additional adults within the early years to support children in closing gaps quickly and developing speech and language</i></p>	<p>The Education Endowment Fund states that small group tuition has moderate impact for low cost based.</p> <p>Previous experience has shown that children entering the school not on track for GLD have then benefited from this approach and met GLD.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p><i>Teaching Assistant Interventions delivered following teachers direction according to identified gaps in knowledge and skills</i></p>	<p>The Education Endowment Fund states that Teaching Assistant Interventions have moderate impact based on Moderate evidence.</p> <p>Previous experience shows that children have made good progress when interventions are delivered to follow up on misconceptions in lessons.</p>	<p>3, 2</p>
<p><i>Learning support Assistant to work 1:1</i></p>	<p>The Education Endowment Fund states that Oral Language interventions have</p>	<p>1, 2</p>
<p><i>with children with speech and language plans to close their language gaps following their SALT plans</i></p>	<p>very high impact for very low cost based on very extensive evidence.</p> <p>Prior in school evidence shows that our children make good progress with their speech sounds and understanding and gain access to the curriculum.</p>	

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

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<i>Assistant Head teacher (DSL) to liaise with Education Engagement Officer, teachers and families to increase the attendance of specific children</i>	Over recent years families have shown an increase in attendance through collaborative approach.	3
<i>All classes to use Enquiry-based learning to promote independent skills, teaching children to be resilient and independent learners</i>	Research within other schools shows that children benefit from being responsible for their own learning. EEF places Meta cognition, learning to learn as their leading way to make progress for children.	2,3,4,6
<i>Disadvantaged children are invited to breakfast club, if it is needed, to support families and children's attendance.</i>	We know that school absenteeism (missed attendance as well as fixed and permanent exclusion) has the potential to impact on students' attainment. Many students with poor attendance and those being excluded from school are the most disadvantaged.	4, 6
<i>Disadvantaged children are offered support to help them pay for school trips (donations can be made to help cover the cost) and to pay for SATs Buster books in year 6.</i>	Allows children to take part in activities and not miss out due to financial struggles.	4, 6

**Total budgeted cost: £118,400**

## Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2023 to 2024 academic year.

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Reception

100% of PPG children Met GLD

Year 1

-77% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths combined.

- 77% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading.

- 77% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in writing.

- 77% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Maths.

Year 2

- 50% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths combined.

-67% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading.

- 58% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in writing.

- 67% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Maths.

Year 3

- 58% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths combined.

- 75% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading.

- 67% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in writing.

- 67% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Maths.

Year 4

- 75% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths combined.

- 75% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading.

- 75% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in writing.

- 75% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Maths

Year 5

- 54% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths combined.

- 69% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading.

- 62 % of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in writing

- 69% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Maths

Year 6

- 42% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths combined.

- 67% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading.

42% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in writing.

- 50% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Maths.

**Whole School:**

- 61% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths combined.
- 73% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Reading.
- 65% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in writing.
- 69% of pupil premium students met age-related expectations in Maths.