

Pupil premium strategy statement – Greengate Lane Academy

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium 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 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year.

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	174 including nursery (21)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	54%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3-year plans are recommended – you must still publish an updated statement for each academic year)	2024/2025 to 2026/2027
Date this statement was published	December 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2026
Statement authorised by	Kara Robinson
Pupil premium lead	Carla Woodbridge
Governor / Trustee lead	Simon Merrywest

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£159,075
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£159,075

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Greengate Lane, our intention is that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make excellent progress and achieve high attainment across the whole curriculum. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to overcome barriers to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve that goal. The school has a high percentage of disadvantaged pupils with a wide range of needs, both academic and pastoral. We use research from organisations such as EEF to identify the most effective ways to improve outcomes for children and look to implement these to meet the needs of the children.

We ensure that all pupils reach their full potential and have access to a wide range of opportunities and enrichments that will prepare them for the next stage of their learning and to play a full and active part in the world beyond Greengate Lane.

We encourage children to flourish through the development of positive learning attitudes and skills such as collaboration, effective communication, confidence, self-discipline and self-motivation that support academic success and will be key factors in their future lives.

At our school:

- Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium (disadvantaged pupils) access a full broad and balanced curriculum through quality first teaching and planned targeted interventions. Interventions will be planned and timetables to ensure children continue to have access to the full curriculum. All pupils will make good progress, and outcomes for disadvantaged learners will improve, resulting in the gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers continuing to close.
- Pupils will have access to a high-quality curriculum that provides first hand experiences and stimulating content, horizons for all children will be broadened, leading to a love of learning and increased attendance.
- We will consider the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils, such as those who are or have previously been open to social care, young carers, etc.
- Pupil voice will be used to ensure that the curriculum including wider curriculum offer is inclusive.
- Staff foster a whole school approach in which they 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	Historically poor attendance and punctuality of the disadvantaged pupil cohort
2	Historically families of those pupils receiving Pupil Premium didn't have a positive educational experience
3	Disadvantaged pupils are not always ready to learn and/or engaged in their learning.
4	A significant number of children experiencing several "ACE" issues (Adverse Childhood Experiences).
5	Historically, outcomes for disadvantaged pupils are not in line with their peers.

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
To improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Improved attendance this academic year demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the overall absence rate for all pupils being higher than 94.5%, and the attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers being reduced by 1.5%. <p>the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent is in line with national figures (15.2% 23/24) and the figure among disadvantaged pupils being no more than 10% lower than their peers.</p>
To ensure the percentage of pupils achieving combined ARE in reading, writing and Maths is in line with national averages and the gap with their peers is closed.	<p>Raise achievements of all pupils.</p> <p>Teaching is at least good (this is evident through the internal monitoring and evaluating schedule and teaching profile)</p> <p>Planned interventions have impact and the gap between groups of children is narrowing.</p> <p>Improve curriculum planning & delivery in all areas so all groups make good progress from their starting points</p>
Improved oral language skills and vocabulary	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This

among disadvantaged pupils.	is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment.
To offer PP pupils a range of extra-curricular and out of school cultural experiences, including breakfast club, lunch and after school clubs, visits and visitors	<p>Breakfast club is free to all disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>Disadvantaged pupils are given first refusal to all lunchtime and after school clubs. Regularly monitor uptake of clubs and wider opportunities to ensure all groups of children are accessing (EAL/PP/SEN etc)</p> <p>All learners at Greengate Lane Academy have the opportunity to attend at least one internal/external sports tournament/competition.</p> <p>Share our ethos and curriculum with parents and families so that there is a greater buy in to the aims of the school and a better understanding of why education is important.</p>
To reduce the number of suspensions for children who are identified as Pupil Premium.	<p>Weekly learning walks will affirm this. Suspensions are minimised and the number of behaviour incidents are lowered.</p> <p>Fewer behavioural incidents are logged involving PP pupils.</p>

Activity in this academic year

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

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: **£52,603.68**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Assistant Principal and Principal covering PPA and ECT time to ensure consistent teaching across school.	Importance of Quality First Teaching is evidenced throughout Government and EEF documents	2,3,4
All relevant staff (including new staff) have received tailored RWI training to deliver phonics scheme effectively	Ensure all relevant staff (including new staff) have received tailored RWI training to deliver phonic scheme effectively. This is a programme which has been independently evaluated and shown to be effective in other schools and through EEF research. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk	1

	on.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/phonics	
Assessment cycle tracks the progression of phonics and reading across school	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/phonics evidenced that focus on phonics make a positive impact on academic outcomes	3, 5
Ensuring interventions provided are founded in evidence and staff are trained on delivering	In the EEF Attainment Gap 2017 report, it states that targeted small group and one-to-one interventions have the potential for the largest immediate impact on attainment Small group tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	3, 4, 5
Enhancement of our maths teaching and curriculum planning in line with DfE and EEF guidance. We will fund teacher release time to embed key elements of guidance in school and to access Maths Hub resources and CPD (including Teaching for Mastery training).	The DfE non-statutory guidance has been produced in conjunction with the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics, drawing on evidence-based approaches: Mathematics guidance: key stages 1 and 2 The EEF guidance is based on a range of the best available evidence: Improving Mathematics in Key Stages 2 and 3	3
Training for all staff around Pedagogy and application to improving pupil's Oracy	Importance of Quality First Teaching is evidenced throughout Government and EEF documents Voice 21: Improving Oracy (re-grant) EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	2, 3, 5
Improve the quality of teaching, learning and assessment (evident through an improved teaching and learning profile) by: all teachers and teaching assistants will receive instructional coaching to improve the QFT that happens in the classroom	EEF-Effective-PD-Recommendations-Poster.pdf (d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net) Voice 21: Improving Oracy (re-grant) EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	3, 4, 5

Every PDM focuses on pedagogy CPD (Steplab PD curriculum)		
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Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 45,376.90

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Speech and language therapist intervention working across school, including delivering the NELI programme as an intervention for a group of our F2 children	<p>Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both one-to-one:</p> <p>One to one tuition Teaching and Learning Toolkit EEF</p> <p>And in small groups:</p> <p>Small group tuition Teaching and Learning Toolkit EEF</p> <p>EEF research also shows that oral language interventions, emphasising the importance of spoken language and verbal interaction in the classroom, consistently show positive benefits on learning.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/eef-blog-educational-programmes-where-is-the-evidence</p>	1, 2, 3, 4
Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support. This will be delivered in collaboration with our local English hub.	<p>Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds.</p> <p>Targeted phonics interventions have been shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions over a period up to 12 weeks:</p> <p>Children who achieve the age-related standard in phonics can readily access the wider curriculum and barriers to learning are reduced as shown in EEF phonics toolkit. This is a programme which has been independently evaluated and shown</p>	3,5

	<p>to be effective in other schools and through EEF research.</p> <p>Phonics Teaching and Learning Toolkit EEF</p>	
Targeted interventions in Fresh Start and Maths including MTC – small group and 1:1	<p>Small targeted group sessions based on gap analysis will ensure children make accelerated progress impacting on overall attainment and progress. FreshStart is part of highly effective RWI programme.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/projects/fresh-star</p>	3, 5

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

Budgeted cost: **£67,766.25**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Improved attendance to enable pupils to access more learning through embedding further support for families</p> <p>Dedicated attendance officer</p> <p>Attendance rewards including end of year visit</p>	<p>Embedding further support for families to ensure attendance is a key importance.</p> <p>Good attendance is also listed in the top 10 approaches for disadvantaged pupils in The pupil premium: how schools are spending the funding successfully - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>Attendance is seen as one of the Supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils (publishing.service.gov.uk) for Success when supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils</p> <p>Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	1
Daily breakfast club and after school activities	<p>The option is given to all children to attend a variety of afterschool activities. The option also extends to attend the daily breakfast club. Many children who do not exceed as well in core subjects may thrive in extra-curricular activities, thus improving</p>	1,3, 5

	<p>their self-esteem, motivation and enthusiasm to attend school regularly.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-pupil-premium-how-schools-are-spending-the-funding-successfully</p> <p>Breakfast Clubs should improve attendance – attending breakfast club means that pupils are on time for school and ready to learn.</p> <p>Good attendance is also listed in the top 10 approaches for disadvantaged pupils in Arts participation EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Breakfast clubs found to boost primary pupils' reading writing... EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	
<p>Weekly, half termly and annual attendance incentives.</p> <p>Class attendance incentives</p> <p>Class teachers communicate directly with parents in the first instance.</p> <p>School attendance lead to monitor through the use of the weekly tracker</p> <p>Attendance focus during BASI – drilling down into individual cases</p>	<p>Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) guidance to schools to support them to improve school attendance.</p>	1
<p>To subsidise visits and residential visits for all disadvantaged pupils</p>	<p>Disadvantaged children will be able to benefit from experiencing exciting opportunities which are identified by the Government as key factors to improving their personal outcomes.</p>	3
<p>To raise the aspirations of disadvantaged children and their families through widening participation and developing cultural capital including music offer for Year 3 children and singing workshops including Young Voices</p>	<p>400 schools wanted to take part in cultural learning trials EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Importance of music highlighted by EEF</p>	3, 5

Use of Motional assessments and strategies to support individual needs	Many of our disadvantaged children have home lives that are very unstable, and this presents in their attitude in school and poor learning behaviours as referenced by EEF. Social and emotional learning EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	3, 4
Motional interventions for pupils struggling with personal situations	Many of our disadvantaged children have home lives that are very unstable, and this presents in their attitude in school and poor learning behaviours as referenced by EEF. Social and emotional learning EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	3, 4
Safeguarding lead working with targeted families and the children to reduce barriers to learning and ensure children can access school	Disadvantaged children with additional safeguarding needs are able to access additional support to remove barriers such as housing, parenting, mental health needs so they can improve their academic outcomes https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/supporting-parents	2, 3, 4

Total budgeted cost: £165,746.83

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

Our evaluation of the approaches delivered last academic year indicates that attendance continues to be an area, as a school, we are working to improve as this has been severely impacted since COVID. This year we have appointed a full-time attendance lead who will continue to work hard with our families to re-establish the importance of being in school and good routines.

PP children continue to access all the extracurricular activities that have been run throughout the year, and going forward into 25/26, our clubs have been chosen based on pupil voice. Breakfast club is also attended regularly by some of our PP children – and this has been used to support families with increasing their attendance and punctuality to school. We have reviewed our strategy plan and made changes to how we intend to use some of our budget this academic year.

Interventions were successful last academic year: 83% of pupils achieved reading, writing and maths combined at the end of KS2 (62% national) and 80% of children achieving the expected standard at the end of Year 1 (80% national).

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
SUMDOG	SUMDOG INC
TT ROCKSTARS	MATHS CIRCLE
SPAG.COM	ORCHARD DIGITAL LTD

