Monkton Academy Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2023-2024

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	Monkton Academy
Number of pupils in school	194
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	64%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023-2024
Date this statement was published	1 st November 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	1 st December 2024
Statement authorised by	Steve Bowler Principal
Pupil premium lead	Louise Heathfield Vice Principal
Governor / Trustee lead	Alison Sharp Pupil Premium Link Governor

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£158,595
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£16,000
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£174,595
If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

The targeted and strategic use of pupil premium will support us in achieving our vision to:

'Inspire, Achieve, Empower'

We intend to do this by:

Improving the quality of teaching and learning for all.

We are clear that Pupil Premium is about children's needs and the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom. We believe that all of our pupils, irrespective of background or the challenges they face in life, make good progress and achieve well. Ideally, Pupil Premium is used with the priority aim of raising attainment for those who benefit from it, however at Monkton Academy we are clear that there are times when it can be used to support those pupils who are not eligible for this, in addition to those who are. We aim to use the premium to extend a culture of excellence for all through high quality first teaching, so all pupils are equally challenged and supported, thus motivating one another to achieve to the best of their abilities.

Improving the targeted support available for specific groups of learners.

We know that many of our disadvantaged pupils have additional learning needs. When investigating barriers to learning for those children eligible for the Pupil Premium, teaching staff identified the joint most significant barrier for 25% of pupils (with a further 13% of pupils listed as a 'concern') from Y3-Y6 was an additional special educational need. It is therefore pivotal that the Pupil Premium lead and SENCo work together to establish the most effective means to close gaps for these pupils. A range of intervention strategies must clearly be planned according to needs. Effective and regular analysis of data is recognised as being crucial as part of this with regular reporting to our SLT and linked Governors.

Supporting the 'whole child' through targeted social and emotional support, increasing opportunities for extended learning and instilling secure life skills which in turn promote high aspirations.

It is clear that many of our disadvantaged pupils have significant barriers to learning which fall within this priority area. During discussions with staff, they identified the following as being significant issues for those pupils who benefit from Pupil Premium:

- 22% of pupils having difficulties broadly in line with the category of social, emotional, mental health and wellbeing needs. This figure has remained steady since last academic year and our previous plan.
- 15% of pupils facing specific difficulties in their home lives, some of which has been recognised through outside agency support.
- 17% with issues around attendance and punctuality. This figure has remained steady since last academic year and our previous plan.

It is therefore clear that supporting the whole child is a significant priority moving forward and that we require a continued focus from previous plans.

These priorities are also embedded within our culture of recovery, following the significant disruption faced to the education of our pupils in recent years. Across the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years, we offered a range support through the National Tutoring Programme for pupils whose education has been worst affected (which includes disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils) Last year 2022-2023 we made a secure investment in securing a year of tutoring in mathematics for our most affected learners in Year 6. We also invested in two terms of reading tuition, which had a significant impact upon outcomes. Such tutoring will again take place with key learners moving into the 2023-24 academic year, Our intent is to shape priorities around a tiered approach, as we understand

that this is most effective in narrowing the gaps often evidenced between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged learners.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	There is, across all year groups, evidence of higher levels of disadvantaged learners not achieving the expected standards in reading, writing and mathematics when compared to non-disadvantaged pupils. The % gaps across all year groups for last academic year (based on summative assessment data submitted by teachers) have been broken down within part B of this document 'review of outcomes in the previous academic year'.
2	As a school, we fall short of national standards for pupils (including disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged learners) achieving at higher standards in reading, writing and mathematics. This is evident both in end of KS2 Year 6 results and through yearly tracking across years 3-5. Observations across school and interrogation of data show that this links to differences in higher-level inference skills, understanding of vocabulary/mathematical language, higher level of reasoning skills and access to wider life experiences.
3	Many pupils (including both disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged learners) have low aspirations and expectations of life-long goals and outcomes. Many pupils are unaware of the range of careers available in both the local and national fields and have limited experiences and opportunities to explore these. Limited STEM opportunities have previously compounded this too.
4	A high proportion of pupils on our SEND register and our 'concern' register are disadvantaged. This creates an additional, and in some cases very profound, barrier to learning. In staff questionnaires on barriers to learning, 38% of pupils eligible for pupil premium were observed to face challenges in line with this.
5	Our assessments (including teacher questionnaires into barriers to learning and pupil wellbeing and self-care questionnaires carried out termly since September 2023) continue to identify a significant number of social, emotional and wellbeing concerns amongst all pupils, but particularly in disadvantaged pupils. These needs have undeniably escalated across school since the pandemic. In staff questionnaires on barriers to learning, 22% of pupils eligible for pupil
	premium were observed to face challenges in line with this. An ever-growing need. Pupil wellbeing questionnaires are carried out termly across school. The outcomes are triaged by senior staff and key pupils are discussed by SMT and placed on our 'vulnerable register' to target support for and monitor over the

	course of the academic year, based on the feedback they provided in the survey. High proportions of these pupils are disadvantaged.
6.	Our administrative data shows that attendance amongst disadvantaged pupils in the 2022-2023 was 3.5% lower than for non-disadvantaged pupils (This has reduced slightly from last academic year).
	Since the COVID pandemic, persistent absenteeism has become an increasing challenge amongst all of our pupils. In February 2020 for instance PA stood at 14% and in December 2021 stood at 28% (double the pre-pandemic climate). We are, thanks to actions from the previous plan, beginning to see this figure drop (26% in December 2022; 17% in September 2023).
	Persistent absenteeism is higher amongst disadvantaged pupils. Last academic year, 76% of persistent absentees were disadvantaged pupils.
	The impact of absenteeism has been further evidenced by Ofsted in loss of learning reports, with those pupils categorised as having medium-high absence showing double the learning loss of those pupils categorised as having low levels of absence.

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 reduce the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics.	KS2 outcomes show the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged learners reduces significantly (around 10% when the high % of disadvantaged learners with SEND is taken into account). Internal summative assessment for years 3-5 also reflects a similar picture.
To see an increase in the number of pupils (both disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged) achieving at higher standards in reading, writing and mathematics.	KS2 outcomes show that the % of pupils achieving higher standards has increased significantly on last academic year, moving in line with the national standard. Internal summative assessment for years 3-5 also reflects a similar picture.
To improve aspirations and expectations of life outcomes for all pupils.	Introduction of careers service for Y5/6 pupils shows a difference in understanding based on entry/exit data to the project. Focus groups of disadvantaged learners building clear links with local industries and further education institutions. Increase in STEM opportunities (including computing curriculum) across school.
Better targeted intervention requirements with set time periods to be provided to teachers termly to allow for better progress of disadvantaged learners.	Teaching staff are clear on targeted pupils – whether that be at ARE, higher standard or combined data. Interventions are planned in line with English/maths leads and school SENCO Gaps between groups of learners reduce.

To provided targeted support for all pupils with an additional learning need where this support is required to improve progress and outcomes, particularly our disadvantaged pupils. (including phonics support)	Pupils regularly discussed at SENCo runarounds and interventions put in place where needed. Progress of all interventions is monitored closely with exit data compared to entry data. SEND, or pupils highlighted as a concern to be shown to make clear progress based on starting points.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained levels of wellbeing demonstrated by: • Qualitative data from pupil questionnaires, teacher observations and parental feedback. • A significant increase in participation in enrichment activities (linked to physical and emotional wellbeing) particularly amongst disadvantaged pupils. • All pupils identified as benefitting from a service of support available through school (healthy minds, school pastoral nurture support) where supported by parent agreement have accessed some level of targeted support.
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly for our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high attendance demonstrated by: • The attendance gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils being less than 1% (it being understood by school that being disadvantaged should not be a contributing factor at all to a child's lack of school attendance). • The percentage of all pupils persistently absent across school falls dramatically to our ongoing 10% target. • Targeted family support through our Pastoral lead for those with ongoing patterns of poor attendance.

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: £80,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Enhancement of our English curriculum, to develop higher level reading skills and support writing provision in helping pupils achieve their expected standards. This will fund ongoing staff CPD, teacher release time and access to resources deemed suitable in light of advice from training. Specific support will be offered through our school improvement SLA.	Effective diagnosis of reading difficulties is important in identifying possible solutions, particularly for older struggling readers. Pupils can struggle with decoding words, understanding the structure of the language used, or understanding particular vocabulary, which may be subject-specific. The average impact of reading comprehension strategies is an additional six months' progress over the course of a year. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/ education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reading-comprehension-strategies	1 and 2
Enhancement of our Mathematics curriculum, to develop higher level reasoning skills while maintaining a clear focus on effective calculation and varied fluency. Tailored work around metacognition strategies and the link to mathematical reasoning. This will fund ongoing staff CPD, teacher release time and access to resources deemed suitable in light of advice from training. Specific support will be offered through our school improvement SLA.	Mastery approaches (such as the format used within our current mathematics curriculum) states that a high level of success should be required before pupils move on to new content. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/mastery-learning Metacognitive strategies have a potential impact of up to 7 months. These approaches are more effective when they are applied to challenging tasks rooted in existing curriculum content (such as mathematical reasoning). https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/metacognition-and-self-regulation	1,2,3
Targeted subject leader development to allow time to be spent extending all wider curricular areas thus improving the quality of teaching and learning across the curriculum. This includes: release time for subject leaders, specific subject budgets; investment in capital projects (Forest school/science labs/art studios); effective	In planning a curriculum, it is crucial that support is provided through well-structured and carefully designed learning activities to ensure that lower-attaining pupils are involved, challenged and learn successfully. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/collaborative-learning-approaches.	1,2,3,4

packages; investment in specific staff training such as NPQML and NPQSL programmes.	
Specific support will be offered through our school improvement SLA.	

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

Budgeted cost: £61,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addresse d
Ongoing yearly costs for interventions to support pupils with SEND or who have an identified concern. This includes, at times, targeted use of support staff time and ongoing CPD and release time for those involved in delivering support (including our SENCo).	EEF states that short, regular sessions (about 30 minutes, three to five times a week) over a set period of time (up to ten weeks) appear to result in optimum impact. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/one-to-one-tuition	4, 5
Increasing our level of support staff and improving the quality of training they receive.		
Small group targeted	EEF research states that smaller classes impact upon learning when the reduced numbers allow teachers to teach	1, 2, 4

mathematics with a senior http://www.new.new.new.new.new.new.new.new.new.	ferently – for example, having higher quality interactions th pupils or minimising disruption. ps://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-idence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reducing-class-size	
address concerns regarding gaps in maths attainment at the earliest point of entry to our school.		
of a specific reading and maths tutor to provide targeted, short-focussed intervention for pupils at risk of not achieving targets – with a priority for disadvantage d pupils. of a specific for structure for structure to structure to structure targeted, eduction and selection for pupils at risk of not achieving targets – with a priority for disadvantage d pupils. of a specific for structure for structure targeted, eduction and selection for pupils in structure targeted.	ition is an effective strategy for providing targeted support pupils identified as having low prior attainment or are ruggling in particular areas. ps://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/ ucation-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/one-to-one- tion all group tuition has an average impact of four months' ditional progress over the course of a year. Additional all group support can be effectively targeted at pupils from advantaged backgrounds, and should be considered as it of a school's pupil premium strategy. tps://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/educatio- evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition	1, 2, 4

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

Budgeted cost: £33,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Whole staff training/release time in extending understanding of safeguarding, pupil behaviour, pupil wellbeing.	EEF research states that when supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of pupils, improvements appear more likely when SEL approaches are embedded into routine educational practices and	5

	supported by professional development and training for staff. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/ education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning	
Targeted wellbeing support through counselling and mental health practitioners, informed by well-trained senior leaders in school.	Social and emotional learning approaches have a positive impact, on average, of 4 months' additional progress in academic outcomes over the course of an academic year.	5
Nurture provision through our Pastoral and Attendance lead.	https://educationendowmentfoundation.or g.uk/ education-evidence/teaching-learning- toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning.	
Ongoing partnership with Healthy Mind service and start of parent-led CBT training (January 2024).		
Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's 'Working together to improve school attendance' guidance.	The DfE guidance states that 'attendance is the essential foundation to positive outcomes for all pupils'.	9
This will be put into practice with local authority SLA support on statutory issues, training and release time for staff.		
Quick and effective intervention from our Pastoral and Attendance lead in tacking attendance issues.		
Re-structuring of management roles to monitor attendance at a phase level (Y3/4; Y5/6) across school.		
Promoting extended learning opportunities 'a love of learning' fostered by a carefully planned wider curriculum supported by termly visits	Teacher expectations play a role in shaping pupil outcomes and teachers should aim to communicate a belief in the academic potential of all pupils. Although EEF research in this area is hard to validate, we know that opening	All points

and visitors in each year group (with residential visits planned in Years 4 and 6 – subsidised costs for disadvantaged pupils) This in turn widens opportunities for disadvantaged pupils to explore outside of the local community. Introduction of a careers services for Y5/6 pupils. Building links with local industries and FE institutions.	opportunities for our most disadvantaged pupils often creates a 'lightbulb moment' that can shape their learning moving forward. https://educationendowmentfoundation.or g.uk/ education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/aspiration-interventions	
Contingency fund for acute issues.	Based on historic and ongoing need, we have identified a need to set a small amount of funding aside to respond quickly to needs not yet identified. E.g. uniform requirements. https://educationendowmentfoundation.or g.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/school-uniform?utm_source=/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/school-uniform&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=site_searchh&search_term	All points

Total budgeted cost: £174,500

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.

Intended outcome from 2022-2023	Success criteria	Actual impact reviewed
To improve reading attainment amongst disadvantaged pupils.	KS2 reading outcomes in 2023 show the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged learners is reduced to less than 10%, particularly for those achieving higher standards. Internal summative assessment for years 3-5 also reflects a similar picture.	KS2 reading outcomes 2023. Disadvantaged: non- disadvantaged gap = -12%. This gap has reduced by 2% on the previous academic year, but has fallen short of the target of below 10%. This continues to require focus moving into the 2023-24 academic year. Y3 gap 2023: -26% Y4 gap 2023: -20% Y5 gap 2023: -20% Better targeted intervention requirements with set time periods to be provided to teachers termly (from Spring term 2024).
To improve writing attainment amongst disadvantaged pupils.	KS2 writing outcomes in 2023 show the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged learners is reduced to less than 10%. Internal summative assessment for years 3-5 also reflects a similar picture.	KS2 writing outcomes 2023. Disadvantaged: non- disadvantaged gap = +4%. This gap has reduced by 25% on the previous academic year and has surpassed the target set. Y3 gap 2023: -26% Y4 gap 2023: -24% Y5 gap 2023: -25% Focus now required on achieving higher standards in Y6, to remain at ARE across school.

To improve maths attainment amongst disadvantaged pupils.	KS2 writing outcomes in 2023 show the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged learners is reduced to less than 10%. Internal summative assessment for years 3-5 also reflects a similar picture.	KS2 maths outcomes 2023. Disadvantaged: non- disadvantaged gap -24%. This gap has increased on the previous academic year and has fallen short of the target of below 10%. This needs to be a significant focus moving into the 2023- 24 academic year. Y3 gap 2023: -31% Y4 gap 2023: -23% Y5 gap 2023: -35% Better targeted intervention requirements with set time periods to be provided to teachers termly (from Spring
To increase the % of disadvantaged pupils gaining the expected standard in 2022-2023 in RWM combined.	At the end of KS2, The % of pupil premium learners achieving the expected standard in RWM will increase by over 10% (in 2021-2022 end of KS2 assessments, 58% of pupil premium learners did not reach the expected standard in RWM).	term 2024). The percentage of pupil premium learners achieving the combined expected standard for RWM stood at 64% (an increase of 6%). Although an improvement, this has fallen short of the 10% target. This continues to require focus moving into the 2023-24 academic year. Better targeted intervention requirements with set time periods to be provided to teachers termly (from Spring term 2024).
To improve phonic understanding, language and vocabulary skills amongst all pupils, particularly those who are disadvantaged.	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved outcomes amongst disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence including book scrutiny, formative assessment and pupil/parent voice.	72% of disadvantaged learners achieved the expected standard in GPS, compared to 77% of non-disadvantaged learners (a gap of -5%). 30% of new intake of Y3 pupils did not meet the expected standard in phonics screening when in Year 1. We recognise that this is a skillset that needs input for all of our pupils.

This continues to require focus moving into the 2023-24 academic year, however as whole school improvement target (as per the school improvement plan). Spelling rules and patterns will be taught consistently. Year 3 currently working on Year 1 input, which is phonic based. This needs to be targeted in the lower school. To provided targeted Pupils regularly discussed at All children have specific support for all pupils with SENCo runarounds and targets set, which are then an additional learning interventions put in place regularly reviewed. Most need where this support is where needed. Progress of all children meet their targets. Intervention outcomes are required to improve interventions is monitored progress and outcomes, tracked for effectiveness and closely with exit data particularly our compared to entry data. changed if necessary. disadvantaged pupils. SEND, or pupils highlighted as Jill Everett interventions are a concern to be shown to in place. make clear progress based on HFW are completed on a starting points. regular basis. To achieve and sustain Sustained levels of wellbeing Emotional wellbeing surveys improved wellbeing for from 2023 demonstrated by: continue to be carried out pupils in our school, termly by all pupils across Qualitative data from schools, with senior leaders particularly our pupil questionnaires, disadvantaged pupils. triaging and monitoring teacher observations against our vulnerability and parental feedback. tracker. Targeted support A significant increase in identified at an early point participation in and monitored termly. This enrichment activities will continue moving forward, (linked to physical and with many more avenues of emotional wellbeing) support now becoming particularly amongst available (for instant nurture disadvantaged pupils. provision in line with our All pupils identified as school improvement plan). benefitting from a service of support 100% of pupils across school available through have been offered school (healthy minds, enrichment activities through school pastoral our school sporting counselling package programme. More detailed etc) where supported tracking in the 2023-24 to by parent agreement see commitment and impact have accessed some on disadvantaged pupils. level of targeted support. Continued 100% uptake on healthy minds. Parent led CBT sessions beginning Autumn 2 to target needs.

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		This target will continue, however we feel secure in support in place.
To identify early needs, then signpost to specific targeted support for all families in need, particularly for our disadvantaged pupils.	 An increase in uptake of level 1 and 2 multiagency support across school for all pupils where needed. A decrease in cases directly accessing (as often support can move within levels) level 3 or 4 multiagency support. Staff report being better able to identify need at a targeted level through relevant training and CPD, resulting in earlier intervention. 	We now have a broader management structure in place to focus on supporting families and recognising early need. This includes the employment of our Pastoral and Attendance Lead who will have a pivotal role in this moving forward. Staff have ongoing, targeted training. It is felt that this target has been met and we are well placed for identifying need and supporting families in need across school.
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly for our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high attendance in 2023 demonstrated by: • The attendance gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils being less than 1% (it being understood by school that being disadvantaged should not be a contributing factor at all to a child's lack of school attendance). • The percentage of all pupils persistently absent across school falls dramatically to below 10% and the figure amongst disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils being less than 1%.	The % of persistently absent pupils decreased over the course of last academic year, falling from 26% in December 2022 (at the time of writing the previous strategy statement) to 17% at the end of the last academic year, largely down to the increase in personnel supporting good attendance in school. The impact of our newly appointed Pastoral and Attendance lead, along with re-structuring of some managerial roles, has already been seen. The vast majority of persistently absent pupils, are however, disadvantaged learners (13% of the 17% persistently absent pupils) showing that targeted family support through our Pastoral lead is required moving forward into next academic year.

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
National Tutoring Programme	University of Sunderland.

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?	N/A
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	N/A