Pupil premium strategy statement: St Joseph the Worker RC Primary School. (Dec 2021)

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2021 to 2022 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	St Joseph the Worker RC Primary School
Number of pupils in school	225
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	41% (92)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3-year plans are recommended)	2021/2022 to 2023/2024
Date this statement was published	December 2021
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2022
Statement authorised by	Evelyn Clayton Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	Evelyn Clayton Headteacher
Governor lead	Antoinette Doyle, lead for disadvantaged pupils

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£90,139
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£9,425
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£99,564

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Together as God's children we will **love**, **learn**, **grow**, and **inspire**. "Let your light shine!"

Our Mission Statement is central to the work that we do. It is our aim that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, fulfil their full potential, and realise their God given talents in order to "Let their light shine".

At St Joseph the Worker Primary School all members of staff and Governors accept responsibility for all pupils, some of whom are not eligible for pupil premium funding but may at any point during their school career require additional support and intervention.

We will therefore consider the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils, such as those who have a disability or a social worker, young carers, those experiencing loss or other identified barriers. The activity we have outlined in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

It is our intention that all children make good progress and achieve high attainment across all subject areas. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve that goal, including progress for those who are already high attainers.

High-quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time will benefit the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school.

Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that nondisadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery, notably in its targeted support through school led small group or 1:1 support for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils.

Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help pupils achieve. To ensure they are effective we will:

- ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they're set
- act early to intervene at the point need is identified
- adopt a whole school approach in which all staff 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	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicate under- developed oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils.
	These are evident from Reception through to KS2 and in general, are more prevalent among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers.
2	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers. This negatively impacts their development as readers .
3	Our assessments and observations indicate that the education and well- being of many of our disadvantaged pupils have been impacted by par- tial school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils. These find- ings are supported by national studies.
	This has resulted in significant knowledge gaps leading to pupils falling further behind age-related expectations, especially in maths .
4	Our assessments, observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional issues for many pupils.
	In addition, lack of enrichment opportunities during school closure is a common feature as is to lack of resilience and low mood/anxiety. These challenges particularly affect disadvantaged pupils, including their attainment.
5	Our attendance data indicates that attendance among disadvantaged pupils has been between 3.31% lower than for non-disadvantaged pupils.
	Absences for 2018/19 and earlier:
	Overall absence (4.9%) was in the highest 20% of all school in 2018/19

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 crite	ria			
Improved oral language skills and	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils.				
vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils.	This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment. Starting Point September '21				
	WELCOMM	September '21	July '22		
	YN (ALL- 25)	Red-44%	Red-19%	,	
		Amber-20%	Amber-1	5%	
		Green-36%	Green-6	5%	
	D pupils (8)	Red-57% (4)	Red-0%		
	+1 pupil	Amber-14% (1) Amber-2	5% (2)	
		Green-29% (2	Green-29% (2) Green-75		
	YR (ALL-28)	Red-29%	Red-20%		
		Amber-29%	Amber-2		
		Green-43%	Green-60		
	D Pupils (11)	Red-11% (1)	Red-9%		
	+2 pupils	Amber-33% (Green-56% (5		• •	
Improved reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils.	KS2 reading ou of disadvantag Starting point Ja	utcomes in 202 ed pupils meet	24 show that	more than	
	Year 6	January '22	July 22		
	ALL (30)	61%	61%	1	
	D pupils (12) 50% (6/12) 42% (5/12)				
Improve phonics of disadvantage	Phonics outcomes of the disadvantaged pupils improve year by year.				ove
	Pupils will improve in fluency and confidence in decoding, blending and segmenting skills.				oding,

Phonics outcomes in 2024 for year 2 pupils meeting the expected standard is more than 80%. Starting point December '21 Year 2 December '21 July 22 ALL (30) 80% 91% D pupils (12) 67% 82% Phonics outcomes in 2024 for year 1 pupils meeting the expected standard is more than 85%. Starting point December '21 Year 1 December '21 July 22 70% ALL (30) 87% **57%** D pupils (16) 73% Improved maths KS2 maths outcomes in 2024 show that more than 65% of attainment for disadvantaged pupils meet the expected standard. disadvantaged pupils at **Starting point January 2022** the end of KS2. Year 6 January '22 July 22 ALL (30) 64% 64% D pupils (12) 67% (8/12) 58% (7/12) To achieve and sustain Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2021/22 demonimproved wellbeing for strated by: all pupils in our school, • qualitative data from pupil voice, pupil and parent surparticularly our veys and teacher observations disadvantaged pupils. A significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils Fewer referrals made to outside agencies for specialist support – measured termly by the end of 2021/2022 Target groups for wellbeing through provision to support specific issues e.g. transition, friendships, ensuring that disadvantaged pupils accessing universal support Transition partnership with St Patrick's Centre of Excellence targeting disadvantaged Year 6 pupils. Wider opportunities for disadvantaged pupils to access trips and visits in school to motivate and inspire. To continue to ensure Sustained high attendance from 2021. the attendance of Reduce proportion of pupils in receipt of pupil premium

classed as persistent absentees (Autumn '21):

pupils in receipt of pupil

premium is in line with

those of peers, reducing the proportion classed as persistent absentees. *50% of pupils meeting the absence threshold are in receipt of pupil premium.

Starting Point Autumn '21

ATTENDANCE	AUTUMN '21	JULY '22	
ALL (225)	92.4%	92%	
D pupils (96)	90%	89.5%	

*including Covid related absence-tested positive or self-isolating due to symptoms and awaiting PCR confirmation.

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.

FINAL REVIEW: 20/7/2022 GREEN highlighting indicates completed actions in 2021-22

Amber highlighting indicates actions to continue into 2022-23 (if appropriate)

Teaching

Budgeted cost: £28,435.00

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Purchase of standardised diagnostic assessments. (Gaps, Pira, Power Math's, Neli, Welcomm, Ruth Misksin phonics etc.) and use of associated portals.	Standardised tests can provide reliable insights into the specific strengths and weaknesses of each pupil to help ensure they receive the correct additional support through interventions or teacher instruction: Standardised tests Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress Education Endowment Foundation EEF	1, 2, 3, 4
Subscription to a DfE validated Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme and learning portal to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils (RWI). Consultant support termly including staff CPD. Additional qualified teacher/HLTA to deliver phonics to lower 20% of pupils in Reception/Year1 and 2. Additional phonics sessions/1:1 support timetabled.	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (though not necessarily comprehension), particularly for disadvantaged pupils: Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	2
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	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:	3

of guidance in school and to access Maths Hub resources and CPD (including Teaching for Mastery training).	Maths_guidance_KS_1_and_2.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk) The EEF guidance is based on a range of the best available evidence: Improving Mathematics in Key Stages 2 and 3	
Improve the quality of Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural learning (SMSC), Personal, Health, Social and Emotional learning (PSHE) and Relationship education (RSE). Approaches will be embedded into routine educational practices.	There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour, and relationships with peers): EEF_Social_and_Emotional_Learning. pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.or g.uk)	5
CPD-History/Geography/Science platforms. To support subject coordinators and provide high quality CPD.	Remote CPD for teachers can improve pupil outcomes. https://blog.thenationalcollege.co.uk/ne ws/eef-remote-cpd-for-teachers#:~:text=EEF%3A%20Remote %20CPD%20for%20Teachers%20Can %20Improve%20Pupil,for%20teachers %2C%20ultimately%20leading%20to% 20improved%20pupil%20outcomes.	3

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

Budgeted cost: **£52,581.00**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
To assess and address gaps in language through use of Welcomm and Nuffield Early Language Interventions.	Endorsed by EEF Research: https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/projects/nuffield-early-language-intervention	1, 4
Additional specialist support through enhanced SLA-Speech and Language Therapy	https://www.oneeducation.co.uk/news- blog/mind-the-gap-why-prioritising- vocabulary-matters	
Vocabulary Focus across Key Stage 1 and 2 using		

ELKLAN strategies and Word Aware programme		
Further targeted 1:1 sessions for disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support. This will be delivered in collaboration with our Early Reading and Phonics coordinator.	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Targeted phonics interventions have been shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions over a period up to 12 weeks: Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	2
Engaging with the National Tutoring Programme to provide school-led tutoring for pupils whose education has been most impacted by the pandemic. A significant proportion of the pupils who receive tutoring will be disadvantaged, including those who are high attainers.	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: One to one tuition EEF (educationen-dowmentfoundation.org.uk) And in small groups: Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	4
To ensure additional staffing is prioritized to year group teaching on assessed need.	This Strategy relates back to the EEF research Great teaching is the most important lever schools must improve outcomes for their pupils. (EEF) Focusses on utilising and further developing the expertise of the teaching and learning staff working with our pupils everyday supporting vulnerable pupils needs to engage and access the curriculum. Staffing has been located where it has best value.	1,2,3
To train staff to be able to deliver 'Reading Recovery" intervention. Delivery of programme to accelerate reading and writing progress in lower 20% pupils across KS2.	Reading Recovery is an effective, evidenced-based Reading intervention based on rigorous, ongoing academic research, that has a positive effect on children's life chances by enabling struggling readers to achieve accelerated progress.	2

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

Budgeted cost: **£16,128.00**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Staff lead to complete NPQ on leading Behaviour and Learning Culture. Whole staff training on behaviour management and with the aim of developing our school ethos and improving behaviour across school. (SLA-PIT Team bronze package) Purchase equipment to improve activity levels and behaviour on the playground.	Both targeted interventions and universal approaches can have positive overall effects: Behaviour interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	5
SEMH intervention (Pyramid Club) successfully delivered to targeted pupils in LKS2. Individual work completed with qualified Social Worker when presenting needs demand. Small group and 1:1 interventions focusing on Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs of pupils	EEF Guidance about Wider strategies focusing on: SEL, Well-being and Mental Health. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/support-for-schools/school-improvement-planning/3-wider-strategies https://www.annafreud.org/insights/blogs/2019/10/the-importance-of-early-intervention-for-social-emotional-mental-health-why-it-improves-pupil-outcomes/	4
Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's Improving School Attendance advice.	The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.	6
Contingency fund for acute issues and to support pupils access wider opportunities.	Based on our experiences and those of similar schools to ours, we have identified a need to set a small amount	3

(swimming/sports pro- grammes/Robin Wood/extra-	of funding aside to respond quickly to needs that have not yet been identified.	
curricular opportunities)		

Total budgeted cost: £97,144.00

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 2020 to 2021 academic year.

Social and Emotional:

Teacher referrals for support have markedly increased during the pandemic. 10 pupils (8 of whom were disadvantaged) required additional support with a school funded social worker last academic year. Work undertaken was based on the individual needs of the children. In addition, the CAMHS i-reach service worked with 6 pupil premium pupils last year supporting areas of mental health and wellbeing.

Pupil "My Star" assessments completed before and after intervention work each show improved progress through better sense of confidence, wellbeing, knowing who to talk to for help, knowing what to do in an unfamiliar situation and pupils view of themselves. 8/8 pupils had scored higher on their self-reflection 'My Star' charts than had done so when beginning the support.

Speech and Language:

Weekly speech therapy in school was in place. Work was directly undertaken with 12 pupils, 7 of which were pupil premium. This continued with tele-therapy and support for 2 families during school closure January – March 21.

Screening for all pupils in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 took place in September for language and comprehension assessment. Year 1 pupils were rescreened in the spring term and set appropriate targets: 6/8 pupil premium pupils.

The impact of this has been all pupils made progress with summer assessment of language and comprehension. All improved in areas showing within normal range or just below, in comparison to significantly or well below assessments in Autumn term.

Wellcomm PP group progress report 2020-2021

Year group	Number of PP	Assessment phase	Percentage of children's results			
		p.m.cc	Total	Red	Amber	Green
Year 1	12/30	First Assessment	12	42% (5)	33% (4)	25% (3)
		Last Assessment	12	0%	0%	100% (12)
Reception	13/27	First Assessment	13	31% (4)	46%(6)	23% (3)

		Last Assessment	13	0%	23% (3)	77% (10)
Nursery	9/26	First Assessment	9	33% (3)	33% (3)	33% (3)
	Last		9	0%	22% (2)	78% (7)

Teaching and Learning:

Our internal assessments during 2020/21 indicated that the performance of disadvantaged pupils was lower than in the previous years in key areas of the curriculum. There were 1041 sessions missed by all pupils not attending in circumstances related to coronavirus in the previous academic year.

Reading:

Year Group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%Pupils ARE	77%	50%	50%	63%	36%	50%	78%

Writing:

Year Group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Pupils ARE	62%	42%	30%	27%	27%	60%	67%

Maths:

Year Group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%Pupils	69%	33%	40%	54%	36%	70%	56%
ARE							

New resources and 'Catch-up' time on Mondays in the summer term helped to improve demonstrable gross and fine motor skills in EYFS. Teachers observed an increase in children choosing mark making activities and with greater frequency.

Reception	Autumn 2020	Summer 2021
% Pupil Premium	1/13 Pupils – Writing = 7.6%	8/13 – Writing = 62%
Working at EXS	3/13 – Physical Development = 23%	13/13 – Physical Development = 100%

In reception children transferred their skills in reading to writing. 62% meeting the expected standard.

Written work in pupil's books has improved in terms of quantity, quality and presentation across the school during the summer term. Although there are signs that children have made progress, attainment in writing remains a concern particularly in year 2, year 3 and year 4.

Weekly 'writers certificates' have helped to raise the profile of writing in the school and children appear more willing to write for different purposes.

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Level up 2 Secondary.	The transition Hub. St Patricks Centre for Educational Excellence

Further information

Additional activity

Our pupil premium strategy will be supplemented by additional activity that is not being funded by pupil premium or recovery premium. That will include:

- Embedding more effective practice around feedback. <u>EEF evidence</u> demonstrates this has significant benefits for pupils, particularly disadvantaged pupils.
- Utilising a <u>DfE grant to train a senior mental health lead</u>. The training we have selected will focus on the training needs identified through the online tool: to develop our understanding of our pupils' needs, give pupils a voice in how we address wellbeing, and support more effective collaboration with parents. (Jenny Dunn)
- 3. Offering a wide range of high-quality extracurricular activities to boost wellbeing, behaviour, attendance, and aspiration. Activities will focus on building life skills such as confidence, resilience, and socialising. Disadvantaged pupils will be encouraged and supported to participate.