

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	Springwood Heath Primary School
Number of pupils in school	208
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	64 children (30.8%)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	23-24 – Complete 24-25 25-26
Date this statement was published	September 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2025
Statement authorised by	Mrs J Costello
Pupil premium lead	Mrs J Costello
Governor / Trustee lead	Mr R Lovegrove

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£93,120
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	£93,120

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Springwood Heath Primary School is a one form entry school in South Liverpool. However, Springwood Heath is larger than an average mainstream primary school. The vast majority of pupils belong to families who live in communities which experience significant levels of deprivation, for example, Speke/Garston ward has a deprivation index ranking of 8 for Income and 2 for Education, (1 being most deprived and 30 being least deprived- which places the Speke/Garston ward at 10th most deprived in the city – LCC Index of Multiple Deprivations 2019).

Springwood Heath is a specialised primary school with enhanced provision for children with complex physical/medical needs. Some of the enhanced provision learners are taught in the same class, led by the same teacher and supported by SLA's. Up to 24.6% of learners are allocated a place within the enhanced provision by Children's Services as a result of their particular needs – these children would previously have been taught in a special school. The inclusive ethos attracts high proportions of SEND children within the mainstream provision. As a result, smaller numbers of more able children are admitted. The number of pupils entitled to Free Schools Meals (FSM, 30.8%), is higher than the national average (23.8%). The number of SEND support (38.9 %) average national is 13.5% in the year 2023 and the number of EHCPs (24.6%) average national is 2.5% in the year 2023 pupils is predominately higher than the national average.

The pupil premium strategy plan covers a three-year cycle and will be reviewed on a yearly basis. Springwood Heath Primary School is committed to ensuring that every pupil irrespective of their background is a highly successful learner from their own unique starting point. This academic year, our focus will be on supporting identified pupils to bridge and narrow their gaps through lost learning or due to other circumstances relating to their well-being, this includes high attaining pupils and to ensure that their needs are met alongside their peers. High quality teaching is 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. This will be done through a well-planned curriculum, which will be responsive to common challenges, individual needs and assessment. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help pupils excel. To ensure they are effective we will:

- Ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they are 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
- Alongside this, we will consider the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils including those with a social worker or young carers regardless whether they are disadvantaged or not.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline assessments, observations, professional input indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps in our youngest pupils – Reception to year 2. • Referrals to speech and language therapist for pupils in the younger years has increased significantly this academic year evidence has been found from delivering the Welcomme Program
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline assessment across the EYFS have highlighted that pupils starting points in reception are low across the majority of EYFS curriculum areas. • The gaps for pupils including disadvantaged are already present by the time they begin Springwood Heath Primary School. • An additional challenge has been the introduction of the newer EYFS framework including phonics scheme alongside school closures. Research concludes that disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers. This negatively impacts their development as readers.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our whole school assessments and observations indicate that the education and wellbeing of many of our disadvantaged pupils is impacted by knowledge gaps leading to pupils falling further behind age-related expectations (ARE), in phonics, reading, writing and maths.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent absence has been an issue within Springwood Heath Primary School. An attendance rate of groups of pupils with additional vulnerabilities and complex needs is higher than the average mainstream Primary School due to the high percentage of SEND children.

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved oral language skills and vocabulary among all pupils including disadvantaged pupils To develop early language and vocabulary acquisition, strengthen phonic knowledge and early reading skills 	<p>Communication and Language prime area of EYFS framework inline or above local and national averages. Systematic Synthetic Phonics 'RWI' scheme embedded throughout the school and cycles of evidence to support impact using end of term progress reports.</p> <p>Phonics screening results in line with or above local and national averages for disadvantaged pupils. Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment.</p> <p><i>This will be implemented using the following:</i></p> <p>All staff are trained in delivering interventions according to pupil targets, set internally and by other professionals including speech and language therapists, these interventions will be monitored and guided by the SENDCo and Speech and Language therapist. All staff have or will be trained to deliver systematic synthetic phonics to a high level including all new starters and teaching assistants, this will be delivered by the Phonic Lead.</p> <p>Phonics teaching is effective and that phonics progress is linked to progress in reading and writing within other areas of the curriculum using cross curricular links, this to monitor by the Headteacher, English and other co-ordinators.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support disadvantaged children to make accelerated progress across all areas with the EYFS curriculum 	<p>Good Level of Development for disadvantaged pupils will be in line (or above) local and national and averages. Disadvantaged pupils within the EYFS will have equal opportunities to their non-disadvantaged peers. Attainment for disadvantaged pupils will be at least in line with 'others' nationally.</p> <p><i>This will be implemented using the following:</i></p> <p>Having robust assessments (EYFS framework) in place that provide opportunities to reflect on pupils' thinking, strengths and areas for development.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support disadvantaged children to make accelerated progress in phonics and reading, writing and maths towards end of year expectations 	<p>Pupils will make accelerated progress in phonics and reading, writing and maths towards end of year expectations (ARE).</p> <p>Pupils will make accelerated progress from their starting points.</p> <p>The gap between pupil premium and non-pupil premium pupils will lessen.</p> <p>Attainment for disadvantaged pupils will be at least in line with 'others' nationally.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve and sustain improved 	<p>Family Support Worker and SLT to meet daily/weekly to identify and track families in need of support including persistent absentees.</p>

<p>attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils</p>	<p>Pastoral Lead, DSL/SENDCo to identify barriers to attendance and punctuality for pupils and families. SENDCo to support families and signpost them to internal and external services that can support current barriers around attendance</p> <p>Disadvantaged pupils' attendance to increase and be in line with local and national targets.</p> <p>This will be implemented using the following:</p> <p>A decrease in the overall absence rate for all pupils identified as persistent absentees.</p> <p>The attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers being reduced significantly. Improved engagement and interactions between home and school.</p> <p>Identified families will be benefiting from early help; impacting attendance, social and emotional and learning behaviours.</p>
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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: £ 23,425

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Continue to develop a DfE validated Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>1 2</p>
<p>Purchase of fluency assessments NFER and Insight</p> <p>Training for staff to ensure assessments are interpreted and administered correctly.</p> <p>Purchase an Assessment tool – Insight</p>	<p>Fluency assessments 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: Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Enhancement of our maths teaching and</p>	<p>The DfE non-statutory guidance has been produced in conjunction with the</p>	<p>3</p>

<p>curriculum planning in line with DfE and EEF guidance.</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics, drawing on evidence-based approaches:</p> <p>Maths guidance KS 1 and 2.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)</p> <p>The EEF guidance is based on a range of the best available evidence:</p> <p>Improving Mathematics in Key Stages 2 and 3</p>	
<p>Purchase, implement and enhance a new curriculum CUSP, provide CPD to all staff in order to deliver effectively and to bridge the gap in the wider curriculum for those who are hard to reach and at a disadvantage.</p>	<p>It provides a sequenced, ambitious curriculum that places quality literature at its core. Our units have been carefully mapped out to match the entire statutory curriculum for writing. using the wider curriculum ie Science, Geography, History, Art and Design.</p> <p>DFE The Reading Framework Improving Literacy in Key 1 and 2</p> <p>Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	3
<p>We will fund teacher release time to embed key elements of guidance in school to Enhance our English teaching and curriculum planning by providing a sequenced, ambitious curriculum.</p>	<p>It provides a sequenced, ambitious curriculum that places quality literature at its core. Our units have been carefully mapped out to match the entire statutory curriculum for writing.</p> <p>DFE The Reading Framework Improving Literacy in Key 1 and 2</p> <p>Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	3
<p>Training to the necessary staff to implement positive changes to attendance and raise standards</p>	<p>Improving school attendance support for schools and local authorities' guidance</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance</p>	4

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

Budgeted cost: £ 30,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Fast track tutoring implemented in Class R-Y2 to ensure ALL children reach the required phonics standards.</p>	<p>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 each day within the school day</p> <p>Continue to work alongside RWI and Literacy Hub consultants</p> <p>Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	<p>1,2</p>
<p>Purchase of Speech and Language SLA to deliver intense speech therapy across a 6 week block to a caseload of 6.</p>	<p>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 attainment:</p> <p>Oral language interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Introduction to a robust tracking system, and provide training to staff to ensure children are identified and intervention can be put in place to raise standards in Reading Writing and Maths.</p>	<p>Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind:</p> <p>Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Purchase and Introduce to a new English curriculum for year 1-6 Ready, Steady Write and Read to write using Literacy Counts. Teaching assistants effectively deployed to</p>	<p>Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind:</p> <p>Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	<p>3</p>

support the most disadvantaged children with the introduction of “Literacy counts”		
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £ 39,695

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE’s Improving School Attendance advice. This will involve training and release time for staff to develop and implement new procedures and appointing attendance/support officers to improve attendance.</p>	<p>The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence. Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE’s Improving School Attendance advice.</p>	4
<p>Additional mental health support provided by Family Support Worker to support disadvantaged children with anxiety, attendance, family concerns.</p>	<p>Both targeted interventions and universal approaches can have positive overall effects: Behaviour interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	4

Total budgeted cost: £ 93,120

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2024 to 2025 academic year. **See Below for summary. This has been compiled by all the necessary staff stated within the action plan.**

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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
Read to write	Literacy Counts
Ready, Steady Write	Literacy Counts
Read Write Inc	Ruth Miskin
Insight	Insight
CUSP	CUSP