



Wolsingham Primary School

Pupil premium strategy statement



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	Wolsingham Primary School
Number of pupils in school	146
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	20.5%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021/22 - 2024/25
Date this statement was published	September 2022
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2025
Statement authorised by	S. Kitching (Headteacher)
Pupil premium lead	S. Kitching (Headteacher)
Governor / Trustee lead	R. Dixon

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£42,430
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	£42,430

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Wolsingham Primary School, we believe that all children have the capacity to reach their full potential and are entitled to a high-quality education. We are firmly committed to ensuring that teaching and learning meets the needs of all our pupils. The attainment and progress of all vulnerable pupil groups, including disadvantaged pupils, is carefully tracked and monitored. We ensure that this data is used to identify our priorities accurately and that support and intervention is appropriately allocated and due to small numbers, linked to individual need. Our aim is to close the gap in attainment between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils, fully preparing them for their future both academically and through the experiences that they receive.

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 underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils particularly those with additional SEND needs. 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 and regular reading practice at home than their peers. This negatively impacts their development as readers.
3	Internal and external (where available) assessments indicate that reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils especially those who also have SEND difficulties is below that of non-disadvantaged pupils.
4	Internal and external (where available) assessments indicate that writing attainment among disadvantaged pupils especially those who also have SEND difficulties is below that of non-disadvantaged pupils.
5	Observations and discussions with pupils, families and other professionals have identified social and emotional issues particularly for Looked After and Post Looked After pupils including a lack of enrichment opportunities which impact on their attainment and the attainment of other disadvantaged pupils.
6	Our attendance data over the last 3 years indicates that attendance among disadvantaged pupils has been between 1.92 and 2.25% lower than for non-disadvantaged pupils. 7.7% - 29.2% of disadvantaged pupils have been 'persistently absent' compared to 0.69% - 11.4% of their peers during that period. Our assessments and observations indicate that absenteeism is negatively impacting disadvantaged pupils' progress.

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
Improved oral language skills and vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils.	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils, particularly in the Early Years and Key Stage 1. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment.
Improved reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Sustained Year 1 phonics outcomes in 2024/25 show that 100% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.</p> <p>KS1 reading outcomes in 2024/25 show more than 80% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.</p> <p>KS2 reading outcomes in 2024/25 show that more than 80% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.</p>
Improved writing attainment among disadvantaged pupils.	<p>KS1 writing outcomes in 2024/25 show that more than 50% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.</p> <p>KS2 writing outcomes in 2024/25 show that more than 80% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.</p>
To achieve and sustain improved social and emotional well-being for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024/25 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations • a significant reduction in social and emotional issues impacting on learning. • an increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Sustained high attendance from 2024/25 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the overall absence rate for all pupils being no more than 3%, and the attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers being reduced to less than 2%. • the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent being below 5% and the figure among disadvantaged pupils being no more than 7% lower than their peers.

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: £10,407

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Purchase of support from LA re writing moderation to support accurate assessment of writing and identification of next steps (£800)</p> <p>To fund on-going training and release time. (£1,320)</p>	<p>Feedback EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Assessment analysis and work scrutiny indicates requirement of greater understanding of next steps in writing to enable rapid progress in writing.</p>	4
<p>Purchase of Speech Link programme to assess speech and language needs in Reception pupils. (£300)</p> <p>Release time for TA to carry out assessments. (£300)</p>	<p>Oral Language Interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1
<p>SEND Training for new teachers in specific areas of need (£600)</p> <p>To fund release time. (£1,320)</p>	<p>Assessment analysis and work scrutiny indicates requirement of greater knowledge and understanding for class teachers to adapt and support learning for SEND pupils in class.</p>	2, 3, 4
<p>Read Write Inc. Training for new teachers and Teaching Assistants including cover costs and resources. (£1680)</p>	<p>Phonics EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	2, 3
<p>Continued purchase of Literacy Shed+ resource to aid planning for writing. (£137)</p>	<p>Providing engaging and enjoyable stimulus for writing provides better standards of writing.</p>	4
<p>Continued purchase and use of Accelerated Reader Program (£1450)</p> <p>Purchase of reading books linked to AR to update and widen reading experiences</p>	<p>Reading comprehension strategies EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Accelerated Reader appears to be effective for weaker readers as a catch-up intervention based on evidence for Education Endowment Fund. It allows pupils to read for pleasure as well as widely and often, widening pupils'</p>	3

for pupils across the school (£1000)	experience of text features and language thus impacting on writing abilities. Program can also be linked to “out of school” use and will help develop links with parents.	
Drawing Club, Story Dough and The Curious Quests training for EYFS and KS1 staff (£240) To fund release time. (£1,260)	Oral Language Interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Metacognition and Self-regulation (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Providing engaging and enjoyable stimulus for writing provides better standards of writing.	1, 4

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

Budgeted cost: £18,721

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Speech and language sessions for pupils identified as having speech and language needs, particularly in Reception. (£2,925 1 hour per day)	Oral Language Interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1
Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support. (£2,925 1 hour per day)	Phonics EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) 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.	2
Continued targeted support at break times and lunchtimes, developing positive play and relationships with peers. (£4,388 1½ hour per day)	Social and emotional learning EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Developing skills to learn to play cooperatively with peers limits impact on learning in the classroom of altercations at unstructured times. Increasing number of PP+ within school who find conflict resolution and self-regulation difficult.	5
Targeted support by TAs in identified year groups particularly where there is a higher proportion of PP children and PP children who also have SEND needs.	Teaching Assistant Interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	3, 4

£5,850 (5 hours per week in class support maths and English x 2 TAs)		
Targeted 1:1 and small group tutoring by to support writing. £1,170 (2 hours per week)	Small Group Tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	4
Daily opportunities in school to practise reading with adult / peer. (£1463 ½ hour per day)	One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Peer tutoring EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Tuition by both adults and peers, targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind.	3

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

Budgeted cost: £7,815

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Provide internal and external learning experiences to create relatable reasons to read widely and write creatively. (£3,500) Subsidised Residential Visits (£450). Subsidised educational visits. (£750) Musical instrument tuition (£110)	Consultation with teaching staff shows that this is a barrier for learning of many disadvantaged children. Relevant experiences provided have resulted in higher standards of writing and increased self-esteem/ aspirations.	3, 4, 5
Continue homework club for disadvantaged pupils. (£780)	Homework EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Disadvantaged pupils have limited support with their learning at home or social/emotional issues result in conflict at home. Support to complete homework/home learning activities provides the additional consolidation of learning in the classroom.	3, 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

<p>This will involve training and release time for staff to develop and implement new procedures to improve attendance. (£1,600 2 x non-contact time + 1 day per half term)</p>		
<p>Teaching staff to consult with SLT if they judge a disadvantaged pupil to be not accessing any curriculum area well due to a lack of equipment or unable to complete home learning activities. (£625)</p>	<p>Consultation with teaching staff shows that this is a barrier for learning of many disadvantaged children. Lack of correct equipment can lower self-esteem and create anxiety resulting in reduced effort to take part in / complete learning tasks.</p>	<p>2, 3, 4</p>

Total budgeted cost: £36,943

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 2023 to 2024 academic year.

External assessments at the end of 2023/24 demonstrated that end of Key Stage outcomes were above those nationally in all areas. Due to the small disadvantaged cohort, outcomes for these pupils at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 are variable year on year.

Disadvantaged pupils:

- 75% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the expected standard in phonics at the end of Year 1. (1 child did not achieve the expected standard and was also SEND)
- 50% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the expected standard in phonics retake at the end of Year 2. (1 child did not achieve the expected standard, they were also SEND and joined the school the week of the phonics check).
- 60% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the expected standard in reading at the end of KS1. (5 pupils in cohort – 1 child not achieving the expected standard joined the school in the summer term)
- 40% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the expected standard in writing at the end of KS1. (5 pupils in cohort – 2 children not achieving the expected standard joined the school in the summer term)
- 100% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the expected standard in reading and writing at the end of KS2. (2 pupils in cohort – 1 child also SEND)
- 57% of SEND pupils achieved the expected standard in reading and 43% in writing at the end of KS2. (7 pupils in cohort)
- There was 1 pupil in 2023/24 who was SEND and Disadvantaged.

Our internal assessments during 2023/24 suggested that the progress of disadvantaged pupils overall continues to be in line with that of other pupils, particularly in reading and writing, although there are cohort variations. Where pupils did not make progress in line with other pupils, there was a significant level of absence which impacted on them accessing the planned intervention programmes put in place. There were a number of disadvantaged pupils who joined the Year 2 cohort in the summer term of the academic year which impacted on cohort APS. Therefore, the outcomes we aimed to achieve in our previous strategy by the end of 2023/24 were realised for some but not all disadvantaged pupils.

Overall attendance in 2023/24 was higher than in the preceding year at 95.4%, and an increasing trend has been seen in the last 2 years. A reduction in the gap between absence of disadvantaged pupils compared to others has been evident over the last 3 years from “% in 2021/22 to 1.54% in 2023/24. Persistent absence of disadvantaged pupils compared to other pupils, continues to be high largely due to term time holidays. Although the gap in persistent absence between disadvantaged and other pupils remains significant, it reduced by 8.66% in 2023/24 - attendance continues to be a focus of our current plan.

The targeted support put in place at break times and lunchtimes to develop positive play and relationships with peers continues to prove particularly important for children who are Looked After or Previously

Looked After, enabling them to approach their learning in the classroom more positively. As the number of pupils this affects is increasing, it continues to be incorporated into future plans.

Our assessments and observations indicated that Covid-19 and the cost of living crisis significantly impacts on the experiences our pupils can draw from as well as those that increase wellbeing and self-esteem. The impact is particularly acute for disadvantaged pupils. We used pupil premium funding to provide additional life experiences for disadvantaged pupils enabling them to draw on these experiences within their learning and prepare them for the next steps in their education.

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
Accelerated Reader	Renaissance
Numbots/Times Tables Rockstars	Maths Circle
Read Write Inc.	Ruth Miskin
Literacy Shed +	Literacy Shed
Speech Link	Multimedia Limited