

Pupil premium strategy statement

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 the effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	St Clement's Catholic Primary School
Number of pupils in school	217
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	8.8%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024/2025 to 2026/2027
Date this statement was published	December 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2025
Statement authorised by	Irma Chappell Head of School
Pupil premium lead	Irma Chappell
Governor / Trustee lead	Joe Cook

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£28,725.00
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£1486.25
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£30,211.25

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At St Clement's Catholic Primary School we will utilise the Pupil Premium Fund to provide additional educational support to improve the progress and to raise the standards and academic outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. The funding will be used to diminish the difference between the achievement of Pupil Premium pupils and their peers. As far as its powers allow, the school will use the additional funding to address any underlying inequalities between children eligible for Pupil Premium and others. We will ensure that the additional funding reaches the pupils who need it and that it makes a significant impact on their education and lives.

Our Pupil Premium strategy looks to ensure that this is the case by incorporating small group or individual support; allowing the opportunity for experiential learning activities; ensuring alternative Curriculum Pathways; supporting the funding of enrichment activities and educational visits as well as ensuring the support of the funding of specialist learning software/resources.

The key principles of the strategy plan are to counteract the key challenges that our Pupil Premium students face and to negate these issues. The key issues identified and to be addressed over the next three academic years include the need to ensure quality first teaching and support staff effectively to deliver this through CPD; to monitor the attendance of pupil premium students closely and to improve this attendance; to ensure that aspirations of our pupil premium pupils are as high as possible; to ensure that behaviour and attitudes to learning are good, in keeping with their high aspirations; to ensure that parents/carers are fully equipped with both the knowledge and resources to support their child effectively at home and to eradicate/minimise the social/emotional issues that impact our Pupil Premium Pupils' ability to meet their full potential.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Attendance for PP students is lower than that of non PP students
2	High SEMH needs identified among our disadvantaged families
3	Need for accelerated progress (all levels of ability), particularly in the light of COVID.
4	Lack of 'wider experience' of the world / curriculum.
5	Some low levels of language and communication on entry

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	<p>GLD for disadvantaged pupils in line with national and local averages. Communication and Language prime area of EYFS framework in line with national and local averages.</p> <p>Impact of continued Elklan programme shows rapid progress for identified disadvantaged pupils.</p>
To ensure attendance of PP children is 97% + and PP children from vulnerable groups above national.	<p>2024-25: Aim for 95%+ 2025-26: Aim for 96%+ 2026-27: Aim for 97% + attendance for pupil premium children and for PP children from vulnerable groups.</p> <p>Inclusion/Pastoral team meet regularly to track and identify families and children requiring support with attendance. Identification of barriers to attendance and signposting of services to identified families/groups</p> <p>Attendance systems and whole school attendance initiatives, including assemblies, promotion in newsletter and celebration</p>
To ensure disadvantaged pupils have access to high quality services, extra-curricular provision and enrichment opportunities.	<p>All disadvantaged pupils attend extra-curricular provision.</p> <p>All disadvantaged children have access to enrichment opportunities and attend all residential trips when age is applicable.</p> <p>Identified families benefiting from early help; impacting attendance, social and emotional and learning behaviours.</p>
Children with SEMH needs make good or better rates of progress and this impacts on attainment for these pupils	<p>Pupils will be resilient learners who persevere when they find things challenging.</p> <p>Pupils will be able to concentrate on their learning and this will be reflected in the progress they make.</p> <p>Evidence of successful interventions. Referrals to other agencies result in positive support being provided.</p>

Intended outcome	Success criteria
Phonics (Year 1 and Year 2)	Achieve at least national average expected standard
GLD - EYFS	Achieve at least national average GLD

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

Budgeted cost: £5000.00

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Continued focus on Early Reading and rigorous phonics - keep up not catch up. Read, Write Inc SSP scheme introduced for all children and embedded into all teaching practice - key foundation for early reading programme	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	3 and 5
Additional teaching in Years 3 – 6 for reading and writing	Education endowment fund claims that reducing class sizes results in around 3 months' additional progress on pupils, on average. Children are given more high quality feedback and more individualised learning experiences.	3 and 5
Focused CPD to strengthen the teaching of reading across Key Stage 2.	Targeted training for staff which will ensure quality first teaching with a focus on marking and feedback with has a positive impact of +6months on the EEF Toolkit.	3

Targeted academic support

Budgeted cost: £ 24,211.25

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Speech and Language Interventions – ELKLAN and NELI	<p>Elkan offers nationally recognised training which enables speech to be corrected.</p> <p>To then offer daily intervention to all pupils across school with speech and language issues strengthening the use of oracy and language</p>	5
<p>Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support –</p> <p>Fast track tutoring for phonics</p> <p>Same day intervention for pupils falling behind as identified through our phonics scheme 'Read, Write Inc.'</p>	<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>To then identify those failing to grasp the GPCs in phases they are being taught and offering same day intervention to address need, in particular in those who are disadvantaged.</p>	3 and 5
<p>Intervention for the support for social and emotional needs across school – enabling disadvantaged pupils and those with additional needs who are also disadvantaged to access high quality intervention</p> <p>School offers two ELSAs based on need</p> <p>Train a Mental Health first aider</p>	<p>Social and emotional learning (SEL) is concerned with fostering children's social and emotional skills within educational settings, alongside their academic skills. This can include developing young people's relationships, communication, decision making, self-esteem and behaviour. SEL can play a central role in helping children to develop the skills for educational success and lifelong wellbeing. As well as supporting pupil re-engagement after school closures, SEL can contribute to reducing the longstanding attainment gap between disadvantaged children and their peers.</p>	2

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Ensure that every class has a range of interventions available:</p> <p>Lexia Fluency@Number RWM interventions Freshstart</p> <p>Baseline assessments identify children for interventions. Provision Maps drawn up identifying interventions with timescales and SC.</p>	<p>The average impact of the small group tuition is four additional months' progress, on average, over the course of a year.</p> <p>Evidence shows that small group tuition is effective and, as a rule of thumb, the smaller the group the better. Some studies suggest that greater feedback from the teacher, more sustained the engagement in smaller groups, or work which is more closely matched to learners' needs explains this impact. Once group size increases above six or seven there is a noticeable reduction in effectiveness.</p>	3
<p>Additional support for targeted lowest 20% in 1:1 reading from support staff</p>	<p>The average impact of reading comprehension strategies is an additional six months' progress over the course of a year. Successful reading comprehension approaches allow activities to be carefully tailored to pupils' reading capabilities, and involve activities and texts that provide an effective, but not overwhelming, challenge.</p>	3

Wider strategies

Budgeted cost: £ 1000.00

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Attendance initiatives Parents are made aware of expected attendance levels when they fall below 90%. Partnership working with EWO re pupils</p>	<p>Deployment of staff to support families to improve attendance and eradicate persistent absenteeism see www.gov.uk/publications/the-pupil-premium-how-schools-are-spending-the-funding-successfully.</p>	1

<p>Enrichment & Visit programme to broaden children's life experiences</p>	<p>Limited range of wider life experiences: To build cultural capital by ensuring that disadvantaged students are enabled to access a range of quality life-experiences and wider opportunities through subsidy of trips /workshops (including residential) and access to out-of-school enrichment clubs. Tracking participation in clubs.</p>	<p>4</p>
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Total budgeted cost: £ 30,211.25

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.

Aim	Outcome
Focus on Early Reading and rigorous phonics - keep up not catch up. Read, Write Inc SSP scheme introduced for all children and embedded into all teaching practice - key foundation for early reading programme	Read, write inc embedded across EYFS and KS1. Phonics in Year 1 97%.
Additional teaching in 6 for reading and writing	Extra teacher employed for one day per week to deliver writing interventions. Overall, improvement in writing seen but lowest 20% pupils identified as requiring further targeting in 2023/24
Focused CPD to strengthen the teaching of Reading across school. English writing curriculum has been reviewed and elements of Talk for Writing are being used in classes along with small steps to teach writing skills	Staff have training on the Master Readers approach which follows on from strategies taught in RWInc. This is being implemented in Lower KS2. Significant improvement seen in writing particularly in terms of vocabulary and sentence structure.
Speech and Language Interventions – ELKLAN	ELKLAN continues to be delivered to identified pupils. Small groups ensure targeted speech and language activities are being delivered to identified pupils.
Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support – Fast track tutoring for phonics Same day intervention for pupils falling behind as identified through our phonics scheme ‘Read, Write Inc.’	Freshstart fast track tutoring in place for identified KS2 pupils to support with fluency and decoding. Intensive 1 to 1 sessions to ensure that gaps in phonic knowledge are addressed. This will continue in 2024/25
Intervention for the support for social and emotional needs across school – enabling disadvantaged pupils and those with additional needs who are also	The school has now two trained ELSAs delivering interventions to identified pupils. A number of disadvantaged pupils are receiving this intervention. ELSA has completed LegoTherapy training and set

<p>disadvantaged to access high quality intervention</p> <p>School offers two ELSAs based on need</p> <p>Train a Mental Health first aider</p>	<p>up Lego Therapy sessions with identified KS2 pupils.</p> <p>Beth Roberts has trained as a mental health first aider.</p>
<p>Ensure that every class has a range of interventions available:</p> <p>Lexia</p> <p>First Class@number</p> <p>RWM interventions</p> <p>Fluency with Number</p> <p>Baseline assessments identify children for interventions. Provision Maps drawn up identifying interventions with timescales and SC.</p>	<p>Interventions in place in each class and children carefully tracked. A review of interventions in September 2023 will take place to ensure that they are still appropriate for our setting. Lexia is now in use at home so that parents can also support their children with this reading intervention.</p>
<p>Additional support for targeted lowest 20% in 1:1 reading from support staff</p>	<p>Priority readers identified by each class and children are heard regularly. Children will also be assessed for Freshstart reading intervention in September 2023 – lowest 20% targeted for priority reading sessions either 1-1 or in small group interventions.</p>
<p>Attendance initiatives</p> <p>Parents are made aware of expected attendance levels when they fall below 90%. Partnership working with Inclusion to support families and pupils with low attendance</p>	<p>Attendance tracked carefully. School continues to work with Inclusion with identified families. Children receive a well done letter where a significant effort has been made to improve attendance.</p>
<p>Enrichment & Visit programme to broaden children's life experiences</p>	<p>Children are offered a wide variety of experiences. Disadvantaged pupils are supported financially to ensure they are accessing the same opportunities as their peers. Tracking participation in clubs and identify barriers to children attending.</p>

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
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Kapow	Kapow
SPAG	Orchard Digital
TT rockstars	Maths Circle
Mastering Number	Maths Hub/ NECTM
Mathletics	Mathletics
Lexia Reading	Core 5