

Woolden Hill 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	Woolden Hill Primary School
Number of pupils in school	197
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	16.2%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021 – 2024 Review of 2022 – 2023
Date this statement was published	14.10.2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	01.09.2024
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Pupil premium lead	Candi Norman Headteacher
Governor / Trustee lead	William James

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 40,070
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£3,915
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	£ 43,985

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Woolden Hill Primary School is a vibrant primary school in Leicestershire. All members of our school are committed to providing the very best education possible for our children. We believe that children learn best when they feel valued and are offered a wide range of opportunities. We are dedicated to working with all our stakeholders; children, parents, advisory board and our wider community. Our Intention is to improve the academic outcomes of disadvantaged children of all abilities, irrespective of their background or the challenges they may face. The focus of our strategy is to ensure that we support disadvantaged pupils to achieve high attainment across all subject areas.

We invest the majority of our allocated Pupil Premium allowance high quality teaching and Well-being – we believe as a school, that this matters most. The quality of education that we provide our children, is the biggest driver when we consider the impact of pupil attainment and ensuring that they are ready to learn is key. We ensure that support and interventions are targeted and backed up by research.

Pupil Premium has a high profile in our school and our Head of School runs the Pupil Premium Networks for our trust and is a Pupil Premium Reviewer. Our school is supported by the Advisory Board, with a lead Advisory Board member who has worked alongside the Pupil Premium lead on school projects. As a school we strongly believe that all stakeholders have a part to play and we work closely with our community, Advisory Board and pupils to ensure that our offer supports all pupil premium pupils. We ensure that pupils of all abilities are supported and challenged to ensure progress, this includes interventions to close the gap as well as to those targeted at pupils who are learning at a greater depth level.

Our SLT monitor the impact interventions and ensure that all staff are accountable for the attainment and progress children in receipt of pupil premium through half termly pupil progress meeting, the use of Insight and regular reporting to the Advisory Board. To ensure that we use the school's resources to improve the attainment of disadvantaged pupils for this current year, we have considered evidence on what will have the most impact for our children using educational research such as EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit.

At Woolden Hill, we understand and recognise that barriers to achievement take a variety of forms and we look for individual ways to support each child to achieve their very best. We do this by offering our children a wide range of opportunities and ensuring that these are accessible for everyone.

We use an evidence-based approach to inform our thinking and to ensure that the allocation is used effectively. To ensure they are effective we will:

- Ensure all disadvantaged pupils are challenged
- Monitor progress and intervene when needs are identified
- Raise expectations of staff
- Ensure that our approach is supported by all stakeholders

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Our observations and assessments indicate that the education and well-being of our disadvantaged pupils and some of our more vulnerable pupils has been negatively impacted by school closures due to Covid-19 than for other pupils. This has led to significant gaps, leading to pupils falling further behind age related expectations, especially for writing.
2	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicate that disadvantaged pupils have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers. This negatively impacts on their early reading development. Over the last 3 years, 50-79% of pupils have achieved a score of 32 or higher in phonics screenings compared to 75-90% of non-disadvantaged pupils.
3	Assessments, both internal and external indicate that reading progress among disadvantaged pupils is significantly below that of the non-disadvantaged pupils. Over the last 3 years, 28-43% of disadvantaged pupils achieved age related expectations compared to 73-86% of non-disadvantaged pupils in the end of KS2 assessments.
4	Assessments, both internal and external indicate that writing progress among disadvantaged pupils is significantly below that of the non-disadvantaged pupils. Over the last 3 years, 41-71% of disadvantaged pupils achieved age related expectations compared to 73-95% of non-disadvantaged pupils in the end of KS2 assessments.
5	Assessments, both internal and external indicate that maths progress among disadvantaged pupils is significantly below that of the non-disadvantaged pupils. Over the last 3 years, 42-53% of disadvantaged pupils achieved age related expectations compared to 84-94% of non-disadvantaged pupils in the end of KS2 assessments.
6	Our assessments, observations, discussions with pupils and whole school well being survey indicate an increase in social and emotional issues for disadvantaged pupils, due to friendship concerns, online issues and an increase in isolation. This has impacted our disadvantaged pupils and teacher referrals have increased by 27% in the last 18 months. We have 40 pupils requiring additional support, 33 of these are disadvantaged.
7	Our attendance data over the last 3 years indicate that the attendance of our disadvantaged pupils has been between 1.63% and 3.27% lower than for non-disadvantaged pupils. Our observations and research from the EEF show that absenteeism impacts disadvantaged pupils progress negatively.
8	Assessments, observations and discussions with pupils indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among disadvantaged pupils, leading to increasing SALT needs for pupils entering EYFS or those pupils who are new to the school.

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 improved oral language skills among disadvantaged pupils. 80% of disadvantaged pupils in EYFS reach listening, speaking and attention and understanding
Improve phonics attainment among our disadvantaged pupils.	Phonics outcomes increase each year and in 2023/24 show that more than 85% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.
Improved reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2	KS2 reading outcomes for 2023/24 show that more than 80% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.
Improved writing attainment among disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2	KS2 writing outcomes for 2023/24 show that more than 80% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.
Improved maths attainment among disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2	KS2 maths outcomes for 2023/24 show that more than 80% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.
To achieve and sustain increased attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils	Sustained high attendance from 2023/24 demonstrated by: The overall absence rate of all pupils being no more than 2.5% and the attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils being reduced by 1.5%
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils, with a particular focus on disadvantaged pupils	High levels of pupil wellbeing by 2023/24 demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student voice, parent and pupil survey • Observations • Reduction in incidents recorded on CPOMs • Increased participation in enrichment activities.

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: £6,800

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Progress in Reading in KS2	EEF: Research into high reading comprehension strategies shows high impact for very low cost based on very extensive research.	1, 3

<p>Embed the use of whole class guided reading, daily one to one reading and the use of Accelerated Reader to assess</p>	<p>Reading comprehension strategies + 6 months Research states it is imperative that the right level of text is identified to support pupil progress, so the use of AR will enable this. Reading comprehension strategies EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	
<p>Progress in Writing Support & training from Lead Practitioner in English to ensure that planning for the teaching of writing is high quality and that feedback is used effectively.</p>	<p>EEF: Research into strategies shows the following high impacts for low costs. Feedback + 6 months There is much evidence to show that teacher CPD can have a strong impact on student outcomes (Cordingley et al 2015 and Darling-Hammond et al 2017), with studies suggesting gains equating to more than two years' progress in one year. Feedback EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1, 4
<p>Progress in Mathematics Continue embed the mastery approach through the use of White Rose Maths to increase mathematical progress.</p>	<p>EEF: Research into strategies shows the following high impacts for low costs. Feedback + 6 months Mastery Learning + 5 months Metacognition + 7 months Feedback EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Mastery learning EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Metacognition and self-regulation EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1, 5
<p>Phonics and Early Reading Embed the use of RWInc phonics scheme to ensure that pupils make good progress in EYFS and KS1.</p>	<p>EEF: Research into high quality synthetic phonics programmes shows high impact for very low cost based on very extensive research. Phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very extensive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Phonics EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1, 2
<p>Quality First Teaching To provide high quality teaching for all. To narrow the gap between disadvantaged children and their peers using mastery learning, metacognition and feedback</p>	<p>According to the NFER's research, published November 2015, greater success for disadvantaged pupils was associated with schools using fewer strategies EEF: Research into strategies shows the following high impacts for low costs. Feedback + 6 months Mastery Learning + 5 months Metacognition + 7 months Feedback EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Mastery learning EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Metacognition and self-regulation EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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

Budgeted cost: £5260

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Century & TTRS The use of targeted interventions and challenges in mathematics, spelling and reading in small groups with teaching assistants</p>	<p>EEF: Research into strategies shows the following high impacts for low costs. Feedback + 6 months Mastery Learning + 5 months Teaching Assistant interventions + 4 months Small group tuition + 4 months Small group tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Teaching Assistant Interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Feedback EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Mastery learning EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1, 3, 4, 5
<p>Phonics interventions Use of additional phonics sessions for KS1 and LKS2 and the use of Fresh Start in UKS2 in small targeted intervention groups</p>	<p>EEF: Research into strategies shows the following high impacts for low costs. Phonics + 5 months Teaching Assistant interventions + 4 months Small group tuition + 4 months Small group tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Teaching Assistant Interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Phonics EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1, 2, 3
<p>One to One Tutoring Use of One-to-One tutoring using the school led tutoring program to deliver targeted interventions to PP children before and after school</p>	<p>EEF: Research into strategies shows the following high impacts for low costs. Small group tuition + 4 months Small group tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	3, 4, 5

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

Budgeted cost: £30,125

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>ELSA sessions Support wellbeing of pupils and build knowledge, social skills, and resilience through interventions</p>	<p>EEF: Research into strategies shows the following moderate impacts for moderate costs. Social and emotional learning + 4 months Behaviour interventions + 4 months Social and emotional learning EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Behaviour interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1, 6
<p>Attendance Increase attendance of PP pupils to 97% to increase access to learning opportunities and interventions.</p>	<p>Research from DfE 2010, states that children with poor attendance are less likely to succeed academically and they are more likely not to be in education, employment, or training (NEET) when they leave school.</p>	1, 7
<p>Enrichment Fund Encourage all PP pupils to access a wide variety of opportunities to widen their experiences and increase wellbeing. Use of enrichment fund to access after school clubs, music lessons, trips and uniform</p>	<p>EEF: Research into strategies shows the following moderate impacts for moderate costs. Extending the school day + 3 months Arts participation + 3 months Extending school time EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Arts participation EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1, 6

Total budgeted cost: £43,985

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.

This academic year the focus was on attainment and attendance. Whole school assessments were used to identify gaps and target strategies. The school continued to use Insight, to track pupils regularly throughout the academic year and Pupil Premium data was collected alongside Non-Pupil Premium data to identify gaps moving forward, teachers met with SLT to complete pupil progress meetings with a focus on disadvantaged pupils.

Phonics data showed that the gap between PP and non-PP remains the same. 40% of Pupil Premium pupils passed the phonics screen compared with 87.5% of non-Pupil premium pupils. Special consideration for this academic year is to be taken into account as over 60% of the PP group are also SEND with funding.

In year 1 the gap between PP and non-PP children for reading, writing and maths is between 33-47%. A number of the pupils in this cohort are in receipt of SEND funding. In year 2, the gap between PP and Non-PP pupils in reading, writing and maths was between 14.3% and 33%. This is a decrease showing that we are closing the gap for this year group. The gap between PP and Non-PP for RWM combined was 33.3% which has closed the gap by 13% from last year (2021/22 – Gap 47%).

In year 3, the gap between PP and Non- PP pupils in reading, writing and maths was between 33-75%, which is similar to last years gap. .In year 4, the gap between Pupil Premium and Non-Pupil Premium pupils in reading, writing and maths was between 0-10%. The gap in reading and writing closed completely and in maths was 10%.

In year 5, the gap between Pupil Premium and Non-Pupil Premium pupils in reading, writing and maths was between 16-33%, which remains similar to the previous year. In year 6, the gap between PP and Non- PP pupils in reading, closed and PP pupils had a 6% higher result than non-PP. In writing the gap was 32% which is wider than the previous year. In maths the gap was 19%, this is 10% better than last academic year. There was no gap between PP and Non-PP in RWM combined and PP children scored 5% higher, meeting national levels of 57%.

Our assessments indicated that the impact of Covid-19 disrupted all subject areas and schools closures were most detrimental to our disadvantaged pupils. Our focus was to ensure that the majority of our Pupil Premium children were in school, receiving high-quality teaching from our teachers. We are able to provide one to one devices for Pupil Premium pupils to support homework and if they are absent due to covid isolation.

The attendance of our disadvantaged children was slightly lower than the previous year - finishing at 88.75% by the summer term. This remains the same as the previous year. Attendance for PP pupils was impacted by several COVID clusters and a series of Step A viruses. There remained a gap with non Pupil Premium who finished the year with an attendance of 95.4%.

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
Fresh Start	Read Write Inc
Phonics	Read Write Inc
Maths, Spelling and Reading lessons	Century

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?	The service pupil premium funding was allocated to the Enrichment Fund and pupils were able to select trips, afterschool clubs and or uniform. All pupils in receipt of this funding were also able to access ELSA sessions and were part of the daily reading programme. They are also included in any intervention that has been put in place for all PP children and will be based on their needs.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	Using the service pupil premium in this way has enabled pupils to access a range of enrichment to improve their school experience and has enhanced learning time. Daily reading has supported the children regardless of ability. Being able to access all PP offers has supported all service pp pupils to make good progress.

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:

- utilising a [DfE grant to train a senior mental health lead](#). 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.
- Using devices to enable all children to access blended learning in KS2 classrooms using tools such as immersive reader, Century and Accelerated Reader..
- Using Progress Teach tools to support regular assessment and data analysis to identify target pupils.

Planning, implementation, and evaluation

When planning our pupil premium strategy, we used evidence from multiple sources of data including assessments, engagement in class book scrutiny, conversations with parents, students and teachers in order to identify the challenges faced by disadvantaged pupils. We used the research from the EEF database to identify schools that were similar to ours to support our planning. We used evidence from *The Inclusive Classroom* by Daniel Sobel to support our teacher development.

We used the [EEF's implementation guidance](#) to help us develop our strategy, particularly the 'explore' phase to help us diagnose specific pupil needs and work out which activities and approaches are likely to work in our school. We have also taken part in EEF projects over the last 12 months and will be continuing with the NIESR schools project, which aims to support gaps caused by Covid for pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2.

We have put a robust evaluation framework in place for the duration of our three-year approach and will adjust our plan over time to secure better outcomes for pupils.