

Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2024-2025

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery 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 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year.

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	186
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	50 children = 27%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024, 2025, 2026
Date this statement was published	December 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	October 2025
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£63,150 PPG for 24/25 Financial Year (Academic year expected to be similar)
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£4785 Recovery Grant for 24/25 Financial Year (Academic year expected to be similar)
School Led Tutoring Grant for 2024/25 academic year	£0

<p>Pupil premium (and recovery premium*) funding carried forward from previous years</p> <p><i>*Recovery premium received in academic year 2021 to 2022 can be carried forward to academic year 2022 to 2023. Recovery premium received in academic year 2022 to 2023 cannot be carried forward to 2023 to 2024.</i></p>	£0
<p>Total budget for this academic year</p>	<p>£67,935</p>

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Nursteed School our vision is as follows:

In this happy, caring, inclusive school we prepare children for life in an ever changing world. We value diversity and strive to promote equality in all that we do. We work with families, carers and the wider community to equip our children to succeed, by delivering stimulating learning opportunities that develop their skills, knowledge and thirst for learning, within a safe and nurturing environment.

Our aim is that all children thrive and we work to reduce any disadvantage children struggle against, so that our most vulnerable children can achieve in line with the least vulnerable.

Our Pupil Premium Strategy focuses on the recommended three tiered approach to ensure that all our children achieve the best they can.

We ensure our continuing professional development offer is targeted to build quality first teaching in every class.

We offer targeted academic support in a variety of ways to ensure all children keep up, or catch up, when needed.

We use wider strategies to support children and families who are struggling to thrive.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Teaching not being targeted enough or high enough quality to ensure good progress is made in key areas such as phonics, early reading and reading at KS2.
2	Children not securely learning key skills which they will need to build on for future learning.
3	Children not keeping up with the curriculum and not filling gaps in learning due to social and emotional needs.
4	Children beginning school behind other children in terms of their language development.
5	Children not receiving the same level of support from home as other children, for example with reading and number work.
6	Children and parents struggling with mental health and wellbeing issues.
7	Children not being able to access the extra curricular activities due to lack of funds and therefore not experiencing the full breadth of our curriculum offer.

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
All children will learn synthetic phonics in line with our planned curriculum.	100% of children pass the phonics screen at the end of Y1. Children in Year 2 will be able to read fluently and the % passing the KS1 SAT will be at least in line with the national average.
Quality First Teaching is in place in all classes so that all children can make good progress and achieve well.	The percentage of children achieving the expected and higher standards in national tests is at least in line with the national average.
Children are supported to 'keep up' with the learning if they are struggling.	Early interventions mean that our Disadvantaged Pupils do not fall behind. The gap between Disadvantaged Pupils and non Disadvantaged Pupils is decreasing over time.
Children who have fallen behind in their learning will be supported to catch up	Interventions mean that those children who have been identified as below the expected standard for their age are making rapid progress and are catching up over time.
Children will be able to maintain good mental health and will engage positively with their learning.	Children will be focused, keen and effective learners in lessons.
Parents will be able to maintain good mental health and will be able to support their child's learning.	Parents will support their child by ensuring they come to school regularly, on time and ready to learn. They will support them to do their homework and will communicate appropriately with the teacher if there are any issues concerning the child.

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery premium and School Led Tutoring Grant) funding **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £15,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p><i>During 2024/25 CPD to embed learning about the 'Five A Day' approach will be planned into staff meetings to improve Teaching Strategies.</i></p>	<p>P7 of the document by the EEF 'Moving Forward, making a difference: A planning guide for 2022-2023' sets out the 'five a day' approach to improving teaching and learning with these evidence based 'best bets'. During 2022/23/24 we trained our teachers and TAs in these approaches to ensure they are used regularly and consistently across the school. During 2024/25 we will provide further support and CPD through staff meetings and feedback following lesson observations to ensure these '5 a day' strategies are being considered when planning lessons.</p> <p>The Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Schools' guidance report says these approaches are likely to be particularly beneficial for pupils with SEND but will improve teaching and learning for all.</p>	<p>1+2</p>
<p><i>Phonics Training – Sounds Write for new staff to ensure all teachers and TAs have</i></p>	<p>We are committed to raising the quality of the teaching of phonics and early reading across the school and have invested in training our teachers and</p>	<p>1+2</p>

<p><i>had training in this area and can deliver high quality lesson and interventions.</i></p>	<p>TAs in 'Sounds Write' as our chosen SSP. All staff were trained and were implementing the training successfully in 2022/23/4.</p> <p>New members of staff joining the school during 2024/25 will receive Sounds Write training and regular CPD will be given in staff meetings to ensure the quality of teaching and learning is high and the Sounds Write approach is being applied consistently and with fidelity to the scheme across the whole school.</p> <p>The EEF toolkit shows that high quality phonics teaching can improve learning by an additional 5 months.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/phonics</p>	
<p><i>We have designed our reading curriculum for children at KS2 to ensure they learn all the skills of a fluent reader with good comprehension. This will require planning and training for new teachers joining the school</i></p>	<p>eef.li/literacy-ks2</p> <p>Recommendation 3 Teach reading comprehension strategies through modelling and supported practice.</p>	<p>1+2</p>

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

Budgeted cost: £ 36,935

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<i>Speech and Language Interventions will be in place for all those children identified with a need.</i>	<p>Oral Language activities are shown to give 6-7 months additional learning in early years and primary respectively.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/oral-language-interventions</p>	3+4
<i>Keep up and catch up phonics interventions</i>	<p>Giving vulnerable children additional support before they fall behind has been shown to reduce the number who fall behind in key areas such as phonics.</p>	3+4+5
<i>School Led tutoring</i>	<p>The EEF Toolkit shows us that one to one tutoring can add five months learning.</p> <p>Small group tuition can add four months learning. We will use a combination of the two.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/one-to-one-tuition</p>	3+4+5
<i>Some staff have been trained to us this structured Intervention and they will be given time to train other</i>	<p>The Reciprocal Reading programme is an example of a structured intervention designed to explicitly teach reading comprehension strategies to pupils. It was developed by FFT literacy and has been tested in a rigorous EEF trial. The programme teaches reading comprehension strategies through regular 20- to 30-minute paired reading and structured discussion sessions over a period of 12 weeks.</p> <p>An EEF evaluation found that a targeted version of Reciprocal Reading delivered by teaching assistants to small groups of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who were</p>	2

<p><i>members of staff to pass on their skills. Training will also be provided as necessary for new members of staff.</i></p>	<p>struggling with reading comprehension positively impacted children's reading comprehension and overall reading ability.</p>	
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £16,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p><i>ELSA to support those with behavioural, social or emotional needs</i></p>	<p>Our ELSA helps children to learn how to self regulate to improve metacognition.</p> <p>The EEF identify three elements to improve readiness to learn: developing cognition, metacognition and motivation. This can add up to 7 months of additional learning and our ELSA supports this process.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/metacognition-and-self-regulation</p>	<p>3+6+7</p>
<p><i>PSA to support parents with mental health and other issues and to sign post them to external services</i></p>	<p>We are using the EEF document on Parental Engagement to improve how we work with parents to have more impact on individual children's learning.</p>	<p>6+7</p>

	https://d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net/eef-guidance-reports/supporting-parents/EEF_Parental_Engagement_Guidance_Report.pdf?v=1669908837	
<i>PSA to support parents to get their children to school on time in a condition that means they are ready to learn.</i>	Working Together to Improve school Attendance sets out the cost to children's education by non attendance. Higher attendance leads to higher attainment.	6+7
<i>Free Extra Curricular Activities that prioritise places for Disadvantaged Pupils.</i>	Supporting our disadvantaged learners to attend extra curricular activities has been shown to improve their engagement with school life and learning more generally.	7

Total budgeted cost: £ £67,935

Part B: Review of the previous academic year 2023-2024

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

We have a small numbers of Disadvantaged Children in each year group and so assessments need to be reviewed with caution.

Our 'In school' assessments show us that the very large majority of disadvantaged pupils made at least expected progress in Reading, Writing and Maths last year, largely in line with the progress of the whole cohort.

YR to Y5

	Whole School	Disadvantaged Group
Reading	90	96
Writing	90	87
Maths	95	96

Our attainment results are showing that we still have a gap between our disadvantaged learners and the whole cohort. Reducing this gap is a key priority going forward.

Review of Intended Outcomes for 2023/24

Intended outcome	Success criteria	End of 23/24 outcomes
All children will learn synthetic phonics in line with our planned curriculum.	100% of children pass the phonics screen at the end of Y1.	3/3 passed the Y1 phonics Screen. 2/4 of those who did not pass in Y1, passed the phonics screen in Y2.
Quality First Teaching is in place in all classes so that all children can make good progress and achieve well.	The Percentage of children achieving the expected and higher standards in national tests is at least in line with the national average and is increasing over time.	At the end of KS2 our 3 DL children performed better than our non DL group in all subjects and their average was above national. One of these three children achieved greater depth in reading, writing and maths
Children are supported to 'keep up' with the learning if they are struggling.	Early interventions mean that our Disadvantaged Pupils do not fall behind.	Early interventions meant that more children eligible for PPG kept up with learning than would have been the case without intervention. Where children have SEND, they are doubly vulnerable and struggled to keep up despite additional support.
Children who have fallen behind in their learning will be supported to catch up	Interventions mean that those children who have been identified as below the expected standard for their age are making rapid progress and are catching up over time.	Early interventions meant that more children eligible for PPG kept up with learning than would have been the case without intervention. SEN is also a factor for some of our eligible children.

	The gap between Disadvantaged Pupils and non Disadvantaged Pupils is decreasing over time.	By the end of 2024 the gap between Disadvantaged Pupils and non Disadvantaged Pupils is not yet decreasing over time.
Children will be able to maintain good mental health and will engage positively with their learning.	Children will be focused and keen to learn in lessons.	For some key children, mental health issues have been exacerbated by things outside of school control and additional measures are planned for 2024/25 to support these children.
Parents will be able to maintain good mental health and will be able to support their child's learning.	Parents will support their child by ensuring they come to school regularly, on time and ready to learn. They will support them to do their homework and will communicate appropriately with the teacher if there are any issues concerning the child.	Punctuality is still a key issue for some of our eligible families and this continues to impact on their ability to make progress. This will be a continued focus going forward, with key families having ongoing support from the PSA and members of the SLT.

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you used your pupil premium (or recovery premium) to fund in the previous academic year.

Programme	Provider
N/A	

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

*For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information: **How our service pupil premium allocation was spent last academic year***

We have a very small number of service children in school and their funding was used as part of the whole school PPG provision.

The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils

The service children are achieving at the expected standard or above for Reading, Writing and Maths.